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Newly appointed County Chaplains are: Rev. Charles Durgin, protestant chaplain, and Father Daniel Deveau, Catholic Chaplain. Not available for photograph: Father Wilfred Bombardier and Msgr. Edward Harrington.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

COMMISSIONERS

of the

COUNTY OF BELKNAP

together with the

Reports of the
Administrator of the County Home, Sheriff,
County Treasurer, Jailer, Chaplain, Clerk of Court,
County Attorney

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
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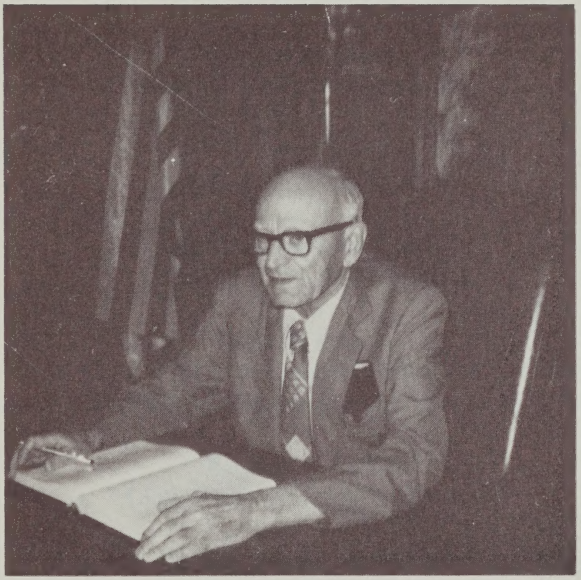
In Memoriam



RICHARD G. TILTON

Judge of Probate 1969 to 1977

Register of Probate 1948 to 1969

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COUNTY OFFICERS

Commissioners
HENRY T. SPEAR, Gilford
DEAN J. DEXTER, Laconia
BRADBURY E. SPRAGUE, Meredith

County Attorney
PETER MAKRIS, Laconia

County Treasurer
H. MAX WAKEMAN, Laconia

Sheriff
DONALD C. ALDEN, Alton

Clerk of Superior Court
ROBERT P. TILTON, Laconia

Judge of Probate
RICHARD G. TILTON (deceased June, 1977), Laconia
ROGER G. BURLINGAME (appointed, December, 1977), Sanbornton

Register of Probate
DOROTHEA R. CONLY, Laconia

Deputy Register of Probate
ESTELLE J. BOUCHARD, Laconia

Register of Deeds
EVERETT D. WHEELER, Laconia

Deputy Register of Deeds
LORA M. DUNLEAVY, Laconia

Director of Welfare
MARGARET P. BALL, Gilford

Administrator of the County Home
VICTOR L. HAMEL, Laconia

Superintendent of the Jail and House of Correction
THOMAS N. MYATT, Alton

County Medical Referee
NORMAN G.B. MC LETCHIE, MD, Gilford

County Financial Coordinator
GERALD MAC KISSOCK, Belmont

Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds
PETER VANGJEL, Laconia

County Chaplains
REV. CHARLES DURGIN, Laconia
FATHER DANIEL DEVEAU, Laconia
FATHER WILFRED BOMBADIER, Laconia

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BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION
(Legislative Delegation)

Dist. No. 1 (CENTER HARBOR, MEREDITH, NEW HAMPTON)
Robert P. Ambrose
Marshall French
Robert M. Lawton

Dist. No. 2 (BELMONT, GILFORD)
Wilson S. Mansfield
Norman C. Marsh
Esther R. Nighswander

Dist. No. 3 (SANBORNTON, TILTON)
Barbara B. Bowler
Kenneth A. Randall

Dist. No. 4 (ALTON, BARNSTEAD, GILMANTON)
George B. Roberts, Jr.
Jane F. Sanders

Dist. No. 5 (LACONIA, WARDS 1, 3, 6)
Charles W. Beard
Michael C. Hanson, Clerk
Ralph J. Morin
James W. Murray, Chairman

Dist. No. 6 (LACONIA, WARDS 2, 4, 5)
Gary S. Dionne
Maurice J. Goyette
Peter C. Hildreth
Fritz T. Sabbow

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NORMAN C. MARSH, Chairman, Gilford
KENNETH A. RANDALL, Vice-chairman, Tilton
MICHAEL C. HANSON, Clerk, Laconia
GEORGE B. ROBERTS, JR., Gilmanton
MARSHALL FRENCH, Meredith
JANE F. SANDERS, Alton
WILSON S. MANSFIELD, Belmont
JAMES W. MURRAY, ex-officio, Laconia
FRITZ T. SABBOW, Laconia

REPORT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

The year 1977 has been a time of change and great activity in Belknap County. Several major projects have seen their beginnings this year, and important changes in personnel have taken place, too.

First, the Economic Development Administration – a part of the U.S. Commerce Department – notified Belknap County officials late this year that $214,000 was suddenly available for county use. The only stipulation was that we had to come up with an approved plan to spend it within 90 days. Such are the arcane and curious ways of our Federal government!

Perhaps one of the most pressing problems facing the county in recent years has been the housing of females and juveniles at the Jail and House of Correction. Federal law requires incarcerated juveniles to be housed separately from adult prisoners (in certain cases, however, the Superior Court may certify a 17 year old as an "adult"). The present county facility has no adequate space for this kind of separation.

After careful consideration, the Commissioners asked the County Delegation to approve the construction of an addition to the Jail and House of Correction for the separation of juvenile and adult prisoners in accordance with the law, using these Federal monies. An additional $55,000 was allocated from the Revenue Sharing Account to make up the difference of the construction bid, as submitted by Bonnette, Page & Stone, the chosen contractor.

Construction is set to begin in the Spring of 1978. Although this new addition will solve the immediate problems of compliance with existing federal laws, the Commissioners wish to emphasize that this is merely a small "band aid" on what is, really, a large open wound. Each succeeding year finds an increasing number of females and juveniles being sentenced – along with increasing amounts of adult male offenders. Sadly, the time is not far off when a new and larger correctional facility will be needed in Belknap County.

In another area, new beds, chairs, and other capital improvement items were bought and installed in the County Home this year, the first time any major purchases of this kind have been made in this facility in over 14 years. Also purchased was an emergency generator for the institution, to

comply with state and Federal health and welfare regulations. The foregoing items were bought with Revenue Sharing money, and thus did not affect the local property tax rate.

At the present time, there are over 50 people on the waiting list for residency at the County Home. The present facility is limited to 85 beds, and the county has seen the list continue to increase with each passing year. With this fact in mind, a committee was appointed to study the space needs of the home, as well as the possible need for new construction. This committee consists of the following:

Commissioner Dean Dexter (Chairman)
Commissioner Bradbury E. Sprague (Clerk)
Commissioner Robert D. Sederquist
Rep. Charles W. Beard
Rep. Esther Nighswander
Rep. Barbara Bowler
Rep. Ralph Morin
Rep. James W. Murray
Rep. George B. Roberts, Jr.
Rep. Marshall Frence
Rep. Gary Dionne
Mr. Edwin I. Chertok
Mr. Richard Lambert

In June of this year, long-time Judge of Probate, Richard Tilton passed away. Mr. Tilton served as Register of Probate from 1948 to September of 1969, when he was appointed to the bench by Governor Walter Peterson, succeeding the late Judge F.A. Normandin. It is interesting to note that Judge Tilton's father, the late Frank P. Tilton, also served as Judge of Probate at one time in his long and distinguished political and legal career.

Another prominent official to leave the scene was County Commissioner Henry Spear, who announced his retirement in November for reasons of ill health. At this writing, however, it is a pleasure to report that Mr. Spear has made a full recovery from his health problems, has remarried, and is enjoying retirement immensly. Commissioner Dean Dexter succeeded Mr. Spear as Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Robert D. Sederquist of Alton was appointed by the Superior Court to fill Mr. Spear's unexpired term. Commissioner Bradbury E. Sprague of Meredith became clerk.

Regarding the economy, costs have continued to rise, and the county's responsibilities have increased in the areas of welfare, care of prisoners, and the general costs of operating larger court facilities. Despite these factors, however, the Commissioners managed to preserve a surplus of over $104,000. for the year ending, December 31, 1977.

At this time, the Commissioners would like to express their deep and sincere appreciation to the many dedicated and loyal county employees – those at the nursing home, the jail and house of correction, and those in the various offices in the courthouse and Sheriff's Department – all of whom have rendered exceptional service to the people of our county throughout nineteen seventy-seven.

Dean J. Dexter
Bradbury E. Sprague

BELKNAP COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY COMMISSIONER SPEAR PAID TRIBUTE

By JOHN ZANES

Warmth and some emotion were the key attitudes as friends said goodbye yesterday to Commissioner Henry Spear, who has submitted his resignation from the Belknap County Commission, effective Dec. 31 of this year.

At a coffee held at the Belknap County Home, which the commissioners customarily visit on Friday, numbers of county employes, officials and other friends took the opportunity to tell Commissioner Spear that they would miss him, and to wish him well.

Present with Commissioner Spear was his fiancee, Mrs. Ruth MacGregor.

Commissioner Dean Dexter acted as master of ceremonies for the informal and brief testimonial.

Among those who he called on to say a few words about Commissioner Spear and his decade of service to the county were Tom Myatt, superintendent of the Belknap County Jail; Mrs. Margaret Ball, county welfare; Vic Hamel, superintendent of the county home; Dorothy Trujillo, Manpower, and Assistant Sheriff Philip Daigneault.

Commissioner Dexter acknowledging Spear's service to the county and his part in the construction of the addition to the county courthouse, presented Commissioner Spear with a brick, one from the lot used for that addition, bearing a plate suitably inscribed.

Commissioner Bradbury Sprague, visibly moved, turned around the office chair that Spear had used during his tenure in office, showing the plaque that identified it as a gift to the retiring commissioner from his colleagues.

"Well I didn't wear it out," said Spear, "though I did sit in it a lot."

Present among other friends were Rep. Charles Beard, representing the county delegation; Laconia Police Chief Bruce Cheney; Sgt. Dan Golden

and Trooper Cheever Newhall of the state police, and members of the Belknap County Sheriff's Department. Friends went through an informal reception line to offer best wishes and congratulations to Commissioner Spear and Mrs. MacGregor.

Commissioner Spear, 80, a Republican, was elected a commissioner in Nov. 1966. He was elected to his fifth consecutive term, unopposed, in Nov. 1976.

Dexter, who explained that the superior court, sitting as a body, will appoint someone to fill the unexpired portion of Commissioner Spear's term, said "Henry Spear has taught me a great deal through the years, as a professional, as a friend, and as a public servant, and the sense of loss we feel on the board of Commissioners is tempered only with the knowledge that he faces a happy and fulfilling retirement."

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Belknap County Commissioners Dean Dexter, left, and Bradbury Sprague, right, offer best wishes, and as a tangible memento, a brick from a lot used in the new addition to the Belknap County Courthouse, to Commissioner Henry Spear, who has resigned from the commission. Officials, county employes and other friends gathered yesterday for an informal testimonial for the retiring chairman, held at the Belknap County Home.

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Belknap County Convention
Legislative Office Building, Room 203
Concord, New Hampshire
1:20 P.M.

January 6, 1977

(After Recess)

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1:20 P.M.

Present were: Representatives Ambrose, Beard, Dionne, French, Goyette, Hanson, Lawton, Marsh, Morin, Murray, Randall, Sabbow, and Sanders.

D. Executive Committee – Rep. Murray nominated Rep. French, Rep. Marsh, Chairman; Rep. Mansfield, Rep. Roberts. Ex-Officio – Rep. Hanson, Clerk; Rep. Murray, Rep. Randall, Vice Chairman as members of the Belknap County Executive Committee for 1977-1978.

Rep. Sanders asked for information concerning the function and duties of the Executive Committee.

Rep. Murray responded that the Executive Committee reviews the budget requests of the various county departments and presents a budget proposal before the County Convention. In addition, the Executive committee serves as an emergency body to decide issues when there is no time to call the full delegation into session.

Rep. Goyette noted that the Minority party was not represented on the Chairman's proposed Executive Committee and he stated his desire that such representation be provided.

Rep. Murray stated, 1. his intention of keeping the Executive Committee at seven in number to both facilitate voting procedures and keep the committee from becoming too large. 2. that he had requested Rep. Goyette to serve on the committee and noted the latter's refusal. 3. that the Executive Committee is traditionally composed of the older members of the delegation.

Rep. French noted that the Executive Committee is traditionally nominated by the Chairman of the Convention and accepted by the delegation.

On motion by Rep. Goyette, seconded by Rep. Dionne, it was VOTED: That in keeping with tradition, the Executive Committee be composed of nine members of the delegation rather than the proposed seven member committee, and that at least one member be of the Minority party.

On motion by Rep. Dionne, seconded by Rep. Beard, it was VOTED: That the Executive Committee be composed of the following members of the delegation: Rep. French, Rep. Marsh, Chairman; Rep. Mansfield, Rep. Roberts, Rep. Sabbow, Rep. Sanders. Ex-Officio – Rep. Hanson, Clerk; Rep. Murray, Rep. Randall, Vice Chairman.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rep. Murray explained the County Attorney's request to hire an additional attorney at $150.00 per diem to help with the backlog of work facing that office. He also stated his belief that the matter should come before the entire delegation.

Rep. French stated that the Executive Committee is charged with setting salaries for the county. He noted that the candidate for the position was a Mr. Carroll Hunter. It was believed that Mr. Hunter was not a resident of Belknap County and was at that time married to County Attorney Makris' secretary.

Rep. Sanders asked for information concerning the "going rate" for additional attorneys.

Rep. French responded that the county had previously hired attorneys at $150.00 per diem, but he noted that most counties hire additional attorneys at $100.00 per diem.

Rep. Sabbow stated that the Convention should look into the matter in greater detail.

On motion by Rep. Beard, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, it was VOTED: That the County Delegation hire a second attorney for a period of one month, further, that the salary of said attorney be set by the Executive Committee after meeting with County Attorney Makris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rep. Beard notified the delegation of the challenge to Rep. Randall's election. He noted that only the House of Representatives can remove a member and recommended that the Belknap County Delegation stand wholeheartedly behind Rep. Randall.

Rep. Murray asked each member of the delegation to notify him of their desire for committee assignments.

Rep. Beard announced that the Laconia City Delegation will meet shortly after the delegation adjourns.

On motion by Rep. Goyette, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, it was VOTED: That the delegation adjourn.

The Belknap County Delegation adjourned at 2:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Meeting of the Executive Committee
Court House, Laconia, N.H. – 8:05 P.M.

January 17, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives French, Marsh, Murray, Randall, Roberts, and Sanders.

Absent were: Representatives Hanson, Mansfield, and Sabbow.

Also Present: County Commissioners Dexter, Spear, and Sprague.

Mr. Peter Makris, Belknap County Attorney, presented an explanation of his proposed budget and the hiring of a temporary second attorney for

assistance in the current criminal case back-log. Mr. Makris cited the need for a second attorney for the period of one month at a minimum salary of $150.00 per day. He noted that he had already engaged Attorney Hunter who had already been on the job for one week. According to the testimony, the second attorney was requested by the chief justice.

Rep. Randall inquired if one month meant 30 working days or a calendar month.

Atty. Makris replied that the duration of employment of the second attorney would be at the discretion of the court. He added that should the second attorney fail to work an entire day, the salary would be pro-rated.

Rep. Randall asked how the salary was based.

Atty. Makris explained the reasons behind high attorney fees.

Rep. Roberts compared salaries of legislative services attorneys with those of experienced criminal attorneys.

Rep. Sanders suggested that the second attorney should be for not more than "X" numbers of business days.

Rep. Marsh noted that it had been the feeling of the Delegation at its January 6, 1977 meeting that the rate of pay should not exceed $100.00 per day.

Atty. Makris stated, "that would sandbag me." He then presented an explanation of the increases in his proposed budget which included a $5,000.00 pay increase for the County Attorney.

Rep. French asked if Mr. Makris knew the salary of the County Attorney's Office when he ran for election.

Atty. Makris explained: 1. the increase in case loads. 2. the need for a full-time investigator to provide coordination of court work. 3. a pay raise for the County Attorney's secretary, who was credited as serving more of an administrative assistant position.

Rep. Sanders requested more information concerning the current statutes which delineated part and full-time judges and county attorneys by

salary. She also asked why coordination and investigation work could not be handled through the county sheriff's department.

The delegation discussed the role of the investigator in a criminal case.

Rep. Roberts suggested that the executive committee should have a full job description within the guidelines of the Evans Report before any new positions were to be established.

The committee discussed the reclassification of the position of secretary to the County Attorney.

The committee discussed the results and consequences of the use of a second courtroom on a full-time basis.

The committee met with the County Commissioners to discuss the dropping of the eminent domain proceedings, for property surrounding the county courthouse, against Mr. Richard Brouillard.

Rep. Murray suggested that if the county commissioners needed the permission of the County Delegation to pursue the eminent domain proceedings, then they also needed delegation permission to drop said proceedings.

Rep. Roberts noted that eminent domain proceedings are equivalent to a suit and that the commissioners did not have authority to rescind from their position without delegation approval.

Rep. Marsh suggested that the Executive Committee review the minutes granting action on the case before any further action be taken.

Rep. French asked if the overall question is not: "do administrators have the right on their own to withdraw a suit or not?" He suggested that the question be put before the Attorney General.

The committee discussed the problem of jurisdiction in deciding the withdraw the case.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Rep. Roberts: "The Executive Committee shall require a description and classification for all proposed new personnel, both full and part-time to be compatible with the Evans Report."

Seconded by Rep. French.

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

The Committee discussed the passage of a line-item budget for the county and the responsibility which would be incurred upon the Executive Committee concerning the transfer of monies should such a line-item budget be adopted.

Motion by Rep. Roberts: "The Executive Committee shall authorize the County Attorney to hire an attorney, who shall be a member of the Bar, for no more than $150.00 per day for 20 working days. Further, that the total expenditure shall not exceed $3,000.00 unless authorized by the delegation."

Seconded by Rep. French.

Rep. Roberts noted for the record that this action was being taken because of an emergency situation, and that the county attorney was to handle future occurrences in a manner which would avoid the necessity for emergency action.

Rep. Murray offered an amendment to Rep. Roberts' motion that the salary of the second attorney be set at no more than $100.00 per day.

The amendment was seconded by Rep. Randall.

A Roll Call was requested on the Murray amendment. The result was as follows:

AYES: (3) Representatives French, Murray, and Randall.

NAYS: (2) Representatives Roberts and Sanders.

ABSTENTIONS: Rep. Marsh in the Chair.

The vote being three in favor, and two opposed, the Murray amendment passed.

The main motion, presented by Rep. Roberts, as amended, was passed by a unanimous vote of those present.

Motion by Rep. Sanders: "That the Executive Committee investigate the cost of stenographic services for the purpose of recording the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee and the full delegation."

Seconded by Rep. Randall.

Adopted unanimously by those present.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee at this time, on motion by Rep. Randall, seconded by Rep. Murray, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn.

The committee adjourned at 10:20 P.M. to meet again on Monday, January 24, 1977 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
As prepared from notes by,
Jane F. Sanders
ACTING CLERK

Attest: Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Meeting of the Executive Committee
Belknap County Courthouse, Laconia, N.H. — 7:40 P.M.

January 24, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives French, Hanson, Mansfield, Marsh, Murray, Sabbow, and Sanders.

Also present: Commissioners Dexter and Sprague.

Rep. Murray presented the Committee with a letter from the Honorable Guy Fortier, Chairman of the Coos County Delegation, which is herewith reprinted at length:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
House of Representatives
Concord

January 19, 1977

Representative James W. Murray
204 Morningside Drive
Laconia, N.H. 03246

Dear Representative Murray

The purpose of this communication is to invite you and all other chairmen of the County Delegation to join me in sponsoring legislation to reimburse our nursing homes at 100% of reasonable cost.

Enclosed you will find an explanation of a formula which generates more federal funds to accomplish this, if we find the funds not available from the State of New Hampshire.

In our County we are finding our tax effort nearly double, largely due to inadequate reimbursement to the Nursing Homes, which the State Welfare is doing by reducing the percentage paid to these facilities and shifting the extra burden to our local property taxpayers.

Legislation has already been introduced by title to accomplish this, and if you will join me and other chairmen as a sponsor, this piece of legislation will surely be approved in this session.

Sincerely,
Guy Fortier, Chairman
Coos County Delegation

Enclosure:

COOS COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners

To – Members of the Coos County Delegation

From – County Commissioners

We are requesting the delegation of Coos County to introduce legislation to reimburse the nursing homes at 100% of reasonable cost.

Although this may seem impossible due to the financial difficulties of the State of New Hampshire, we are presenting to you today a formula that would reduce our present county deficit $152,935.00 by changing the nursing homes reimbursable formula the State uses to a formula that will return to the local government greater federal dollars than with our present system and not incur any additional cost to the State of New Hampshire.

For demonstration purposes, we will assume the cost per day in 1977 in West Stewartstown to be $24.00 per day per patient.

Example #1. – Present reimbursement is at 91% of cost thereby creating a deficit of $2.16 (.91 x 24 = $21.84)

60% Federal	$13.10
20% State	4.37
20% County	4.37
	$21.84

Total operating cost to the County is $4.37 + $2.16 = $6.53 per patient day.

Example #2. – If the State reimburses at the rate of 100%

60% Federal	$14.40
20% State	4.80
20% County	4.80
	$24.00

The total operating cost now becomes $4.80 instead of $6.53.

Example #3. – Let us assume the State cannot pick up the extra .43 a day due to its financial difficulties. The County could pick up the State's .43 making a total of $5.23

60% Federal	$14.40
State	4.37
County	5.23
	$24.00

The $5.23 county cost is lower than our present $6.53 generating an extra $47,450.00 federal funds to the County ($6.53 minus $5.23 = $1.30 per day x 365 days x 100 patients = $47,450.00)

Coos County Home in Berlin

For demonstration purposes, we will assume the cost per day in 1977 in Berlin to be $30.00 per day per patient.

Example #1. – Present reimbursement in Berlin is $25.19 because of this top limit imposed by the State Welfare Department.

60% Federal	$15.11
20% State	5.04
20% County	5.04
	$25.19

Your present operating cost to the County is $9.85 ($30.00 less $25.19 = $4.81 + $5.04 = $9.85)

Example #2. – If the State reimburses at the rate of 100% and removes the top limit of $25.19

60% Federal	$18.00
20% State	6.00
20% County	6.00
	$30.00

The total operating cost now becomes $6.00 instead of $9.85.

Example #3. – Let us assume the State cannot pick up the extra .96 a day due to its financial difficulties. The County could pick up the State's .96 making a total of $6.96

60% Federal	$18.00
State	5.04
County	6.96
	$30.00

The $6.96 county cost is lower than our present $9.85 generating an extra $105,485.00 federal funds to the county ($9.85 minus $6.96 = $2.89 x 365 days x 100 patients = $105,485.00)

Between the two nursing homes this would lower our deficit by $152,935.00 and extra monies generated would be all federal dollars.

We very much urge you to introduce this legislation by title, with the details to be worked out in a subsequent meeting.

The following departments made presentations concerning their budget proposals for 1977:

A. Belknap County Cooperative Extention Service

Ms. Houston presented the budget proposal of $53,071.00, which included a 5.5% increase over the 1976 budget of $50,281.00.

Increases were credited to the Evans Plan for county salaries and increased costs in postage and telephone services.

B. Lakes Region Fire Dispatch

Mr. David Huot presented a budget request of $111,322.00 to be raised by taxation from the county which represents an 18.4% increase over the 1976 budget of $93,995.00.

Mr. Huot made the following statement before the committee in regard to the budget request:

"Mr. Chairman, members of the Executive Committee, before I begin, I would like to introduce Mr. Bruce W. Teele, Chief Coordinator, who came to us last June from the National Fire Protection Association. Chief Teele has been streamlining our operation and developing new ways for the Mutual Aid System to assist its member departments.

"Our budget for 1977 reflects a continuation of the same service provided since 1971 and the increases fall into three categories:

1. The computer
2. Salary increases
3. Increases in fixed costs.

"I. The computer

In September, 1976 we acquired a Qantel 950 Minicomputer for dispatch assistance. File conversion programming is complete and property files gathered "by the various fire departments are being fed into the computer at this time. Last year we budgeted $6,000.00 for start up costs and estimated the annual cost for debt service and service contract at about $10,000.00 per year for twenty years.

"When the time came to finance the computer the Farmer's Home Administration backed out of its proposed loan of $55,000.00 at 5% for twenty years on the grounds that the equipment would be located in Laconia, an ineligible area. In searching for alternative financing we discovered that by borrowing the money locally over a ten year period instead of twenty years, we could save the taxpayers over $13,000.00 in interest despite paying a half a percent higher interest rate. That means that debt service interest will total $8,373.75 instead of $5,500.00 and that the debt service interest will decrease at the rate of $302.50 per year instead of $137.50. The total cost of the computer principal and interest under our financing arrangements comes to $70,125.00 while under our original plan the cost would have been $83,875.00.

"With respect to the service contract, after consulting with qualified service people we have decided to self insure service at the rate of $400.00 per month. The service contract available from Qantel would cost $581.00 per month for a total of $6,972.00 per year. The service contract includes parts and labor and certain upgrading of the equipment as time goes on. Based upon the experience of other Qantel users and consultations with our suppliers and software people we are confident that the sum of $4,800.00 per year will enable us to keep the machine up to date. To accomplish this objective we are establishing a trust account to which the sum of $400.00 will be deposited each month beginning this month and which may be drawn upon only for parts and labor in connection with periodic or special maintenance of the computer and only upon a resolution of the executive committee of the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association.

"Both in the case of the debt service and in the case of the service contract we have been able to effect "savings while putting the taxpayers money to work in Belknap County.

"II. Salary Increases.

In 1976 the employees of the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association received only the increase of $5.00 per week they were entitled to on our wage scale. In 1977 the board of directors voted to grant a 6% cost of living increase across the board applicable to all steps in the pay scale.

"III. Fixed Costs

Our largest increase in fixed costs is in telephone expense. In this case the increase is rather artificial. As some of you will recall, last year at this time construction was in full swing around here and the telephone company could not furnish us with an estimate of their monthly charges based on the fact there was so much equipment going into the building in general they could not figure out what ours would cost. As a result we put a ballpark figure in the budget which turned out to be rather low.

"All other fixed costs are based upon our actual experience in 1976 with the exception of labor under maintenance of the communications center which is designed to permit us to protect our investment in the recording system we have had the past few years.

"One other area I would like to comment on briefly is equipment. In this area there are two subdivisions. First, equipment to be purchased outright which consists of such things as acquiring a typewriter for the Secretary-Treasurer – We've never had one – The one I am using is one I loaned and which I want back – a pager for the Chief Coordinator so we don't have to replace a $1,250.00 portable radio, some maps and map display equipment and a coat rack and other items necessary to complete the renovations.

"The second area consists of major purchases which we propose to finance. This area may also be divided into two groups. The first is the radio control link and the uninterruptible power supply for the computer. The former is essential to provide us with adequate "radio coverage of the northern part of the system while supplying reliable backup service to the southern portion. At present we are not providing satisfactory primary service to Waterville Valley, and parts of Sandwich, Moultonboro, Holderness and Center Harbor and unsatisfactory backup service to Belmont, Gilmanton, Alton, and Barnstead

because of the location of our secondary transmitter on Parade Road. A radio survey has indicated that these problems will be resolved by moving our backup transmitter to a point halfway up Mt. Tecumseh where both primary and auxilliary power are available. This will be done by means of a radio control link instead of leased lines which service our Belknap Mountain installation because long lines leasing is very expensive and not wholly dependable.

"The uninterruptible power supply for the computer is to protect us from damage due to power surges, and secondarily to prevent down time due to power failures. A power surge would severely damage the equipment and a power failure would require a restart because our auxiliary power does not engage within five milliseconds needed to keep the computer going.

"Second in this subdivision is high band radio equipment which will enable us to communicate with rescue apparatus and hospitals as well as other mutual aid systems and permit us to approach potential new members whose high band equipment could not be used if they joined the system now. This equipment is subject to the availability of a federal grant and would not be purchased if the grant were not available.

"In conclusion, Chief Teele and I will be happy to answer your questions and on behalf of all the members of the mutual aid system I want to thank you and the County Commissioners for their cooperation and assistance we have had this past year, especially during the construction project. For the record, I would also like to add a word of praise for John Grant who did a fine job of keeping the bricks together during renovations."

Discussion.

C. Superior Court

Mr. Robert Tilton presented the Superior Court budget proposal of $221,315.20 for 1977. This represents a 10% increase over the 1976 budget of $201,731.00.

Discussion.

D. Belknap County Home

Mr. Victor L. Hamel, Administrator of the Belknap County Home and Hospital, submitted the following responses to questions posed to him on December 17, 1976 by members of the delegation:

"Social Security Income (page 17, item 1 on the budget proposal)

Social Security revenue is a variable figure, the figure used here is the current month total revenue, multiplied by twelve.

"Use of County Truck being Driven to Belmont

Maintenance man, David Chamberlain, is on call 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Since personal transportation is not always available when an emergency arises, it has seemed best for him to have the truck available (during the winter months, he plows the county home and jail area, as well as the courthouse parking lot). He rarely puts in for all the overtime he is entitled to.

"Acct. #5130:01 Payroll for two Dietary Aides (pg. 20)

Employees to replace the use of women prisoners.

"Acct. #5140:50 Food Cost

Raised from $69,000.00 to $75,000.00 at the suggestion of the Commissioners.

"Acct. #5140:02 Payroll – LPNs

Evans plan regarding new employee should read 13-MIN, not 19-MIN (figured at $2.94 per hour plus 10¢ differential).

"Acct. #5180:32 Pharmacy (Page 24)

This drug cost was for the use of private paying patients, and is an obsolete account.

"Acct. #5180:36 Pharmacy

Out of date drugs (disposed) is an accounting figure to show the loss of revenue on drugs that are destroyed because the effective date of the medication has expired. Some rebate can be expected from drug companies, but the amount that cannot be recovered must be recorded somewhere, and this is the place.

"Acct. #5180:35 Pharmacy

Pharmacy change, gives an accounting figure at the beginning of the year and washes out at the end of the year.

"Acct. #5180.23 Consulting

This account covers any outside consulting which may be necessary throughout the year, includes: physicians, therapists, podiatrist, etc."

Discussion:

There being no further budget presentations to be made at this time, on motion by Rep. Murray, seconded by Rep. Mansfield, it was VOTED: That the executive committee adjourn.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee adjourned at 9:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

Belknap County Convention
Belknap County Courthouse, Laconia, N.H. – 8:13 P.M.

January 28, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 8:13 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives Beard, French, Hanson, Hildreth, Mansfield, Marsh, Morin, Murray, Nighswander, Sabbow, and Sanders.

Also present: Commissioners Dexter & Sprague

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by the Chairman for the purpose of hearing requests by the County Commissioners for the expenditure of revenue sharing funds and the comments of the public thereon in accordance with the notice published in the *Laconia Evening Citizen* of January 21, 1977.

County Commissioner Dean Dexter presented a breakdown of the Belknap County Revenue Sharing Account as follows:

To be spent by January, 1977	$40,127.00
To be spent by April, 1977	30,661.00
To be spent by July, 1977	30,663.00
To be spent by October, 1977	36,288.00
Total	137,739.00
Interest	10,808.99
Total, including interest	148,547.99
Check just received (To be spent by January, 1978)	36,288.00
TOTAL	$184,835.99

Speaking for the county commissioners, Commissioner Dexter requested the expenditure of $57,442.18 in Revenue Sharing Funds for the completion of the Courthouse Building Project. The breakdown of the expense is as follows:

Remaining to be paid Bonnette, Page and Stone, upon completion of the project:	$54,272.95
Remaining to be paid architect upon completion of the project:	4,425.00
Wiring three courtrooms for court recording equipment (left out of contract) – Probate – Master's Hearing Room – New Superior Court Room	1,000.00
Paving (area where buildings were demolished, grade, smooth, two courses of asphalt & striping)	5,000.00
Bookcases for law library	3,500.00
Extra Fire Detector heads (left out of original specifications)	1,000.00

Correct ventilation problem in Sheriff's Polygraph room	700.00
Fan in chimney to correct ventilation problem in boiler room.	300.00
Benches (wood) in two holding cells (cut windows in cell doors)	350.00
Ventilate two conference rooms in Probate Court area	600.00
Frederick Upton's fee	4,321.13
Total	75,469.08
Cash on hand in Building Account	–18,026.90
	879.00
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM REVENUE SHARING	$57,442.18

Comissioner Dexter also presented an accounting of funds appropriated by the convention in September, 1976. The breakdown of Recent Expenses was as follows:

New Chimney (per order of the fire department)	$15,000.00
Sheriff Dept.	12,000.00
John Grant's salary (up to 12/3/76) (Clerk of the Works)	3,840.00
Building Removal (behind courthouse)	800.00
Blinds (throughout new structure)	2,470.00
Ken Nutter (grading)	4,100.00

Smith Office Equipment	752.00
TOTAL	$38,962.00

There being no one else desiring to speak to the issue, the chair declared the Public Hearing closed.

Representative Sabbow moved that the County Convention accept the recommendation of the county commissioners and that $57,442.18 be allocated from federal revenue sharing funds for expenses relating to the Courthouse Building Project as outlined by Commissioner Dexter.

The motion was seconded by Rep. French.

ADOPTED by voice vote.

Rep. Marsh desired to be recorded as voting in the negative.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rep. Hildreth moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that no meeting of the Executive Committee nor any recessed meeting of the County Convention shall be held unless, the notice requirements of RSA 24:9-d are met.

Rep. Hildreth spoke to his motion.

Discussion.

Rep. Hildreth withdrew his motion and offered the following:

Rep. Hildreth moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that no meeting of the Executive Committee nor any recessed meeting of the County Convention be held unless the notice requirements of RSA 24:9-d are met, provided that any legal meeting of the Executive Committee or the County Convention may suspend this requirement by a two-thirds vote of the respective body.

Rep. Hildreth spoke to his motion.

Discussion.

Rep. Sanders noted that the motion tied the hands of the Executive Committee and the County Convention, especially in terms of an emergency situation.

Rep. Sanders moved the previous question.

Rep. Nighswander moved that the motion be tabled.

Rep. Hildreth moved to amend Rep. Nighswander's motion to table the main motion until the next full delegation meeting.

Amendment adopted.

The question before the delegation was on Rep. Nighswander's motion as amended, to table the motion made by Rep. Hildreth until the next meeting of the Belknap County Convention.

A Roll Call was requested.

AYES: Representatives Beard, Hanson, Hildreth, Mansfield, Nighswander, and Sabbow. (6)

NAYS: Representatives French, Marsh, Morin, and Sanders. (4)

ABSTENTIONS: Representative Murray in the chair.

There being six in favor and four opposed, the motion was tabled.

On motion by Rep. French, seconded by Rep. Hanson, it was VOTED: To adjourn.

The County Convention adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Belknap County Convention
Representatives' Hall, the State House
Concord, N.H., — 1:46 P.M.

February 1, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 1:46 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives Beard, Bowler, Dionne, French, Hanson, Hildreth, Lawton, Mansfield, Marsh, Morin, Murray, Nighswander, Randall, Roberts, Sabbow, and Sanders.

Rep. Murray presented the Delegation with a letter from Mr. H. Max Wakeman, Jr., Belknap County Treasurer, which is herewith reprinted at length:

January 25, 1977

Belknap County Delegation
Court House
Court Street
Laconia, N.H. 03246

Gentlemen:

The County Commissioners and I have agreed that once the budget is approved we should borrow the full amount of the budget at one time. This should be the most economical way financially, but more importantly, much more economical of time and effort.

We will need funds to operate the County until the budget is approved so please authorize a temporary loan of $100,000.00.

Very truly yours,
H. Max Wakeman, Jr.
TREASURER

Rep. Murray stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider Mr. Wakeman's request.

Rep. Hildreth asked if the chair understood the rules of notice for county delegation meetings as provided in RSA Chapter 24.

Rep. Murray responded that he was aware of the notice requirements but had called this emergency meeting because of the importance of the treasurer's request.

Rep. Hildreth asks if there is any provision for an emergency meeting of the County delegation provided for in the statutes.

Rep. Nighswander suggested that the chair seek an opinion on the matter from the attorney general.

Rep. Lawton stated that the delegation can hold the meeting and that any member of the delegation can challenge the legality of the meeting at a later date if they so desire.

Rep. Dionne stated that the issue was clearly defined in the statutes and that the delegation should not "bend the rules" to meet the current situation.

Rep. Beard noted the urgency of the matter.

Rep. Marsh added that a challenge of the legality of the meeting, and any action taken therein, could create legal problems for the treasurer should he act upon the request.

Rep. Hildreth stated that the delegation should not conduct such important business in a manner which would invite a challenge.

Discussion:

Rep. Hildreth moved, seconded by Rep. Dionne, that the delegation adjourn until Thrusday, February 10, 1977, at a time and place chosen by the Chairman to allow proper notice of said meeting according to RSA Chapter 24.

Rep. Beard asked if such a delay would injure the operation of the county which was in need of the stated funds.

Discussion.

Rep. Roberts offered an amendment to the motion by Rep. Hildreth that the delegation adjourn until Thursday, February 10, 1977, at a time and place to be chosen by the chairman to allow proper notice of said meeting according to RSA Chapter 24, unless the chairman inquire into the request of the County Treasurer of January 25, 1977, and the chairman deem said request urgent. Further, should the chairman deem said request urgent, he shall be empowered to call the Belknap County Executive Committee into session, and said committee shall have the authority to grant the request of the County Treasurer of January 25, 1977.

Discussion.

Rep. Hildreth moved the previous question.

ADOPTED: Debate was limited.

The question before the delegation was on the amendment as offered by Rep. Roberts.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

The question before the delegation was on the motion by Rep. Hildreth as amended.

A roll call was requested by Rep. Hildreth.

AYES: (13) Representatives Beard, Bowler, Dionne, French, Hanson, Hildreth, Lawton, Mansfield, Nighswander, Randall, Roberts, Sabbow, and Sanders.

NAYS: (2) Representatives Marsh and Morin.

ABSTENTIONS: Representative Murray in the chair.

There being thirteen voting in favor and two opposed, the motion carried.

Accordingly, the Delegation adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Meeting of the Executive Committee
Representatives' Hall, The State House
Concord, N.H. — 2:30 P.M.

February 1, 1977

Pursuant to the authority granted him in the meeting of the Belknap County Convention of February 1, 1977, and according to RSA 29:8, Representative James Murray, Chairman of the Belknap County Convention, called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

Rep. Marsh in the Chair.

Present were: Representatives French, Hanson, Mansfield, Marsh, Murray, Randall, Roberts, Sabbow, and Sanders.

On motion by Rep. Randall, seconded by Rep. Mansfield, it was VOTED: That the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to borrow up to $25,000.00 in the form of a temporary loan for the purpose of meeting the payroll and expenses of the county.

The motion was adopted unanimously by voice vote.

On Motion by Rep. Murray, seconded by Rep. French, it was VOTED: To adjourn.

Accordingly, the Belknap County Executive Committee adjourned at 2:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Meeting of the Executive Committee
Belknap County Courthouse, Laconia, N.H. – 7:40 P.M.

February 4, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives French, Hanson, Mansfield, Marsh, Murray, Randall, and Sabbow.
Also present: Commissioners Dexter and Sprague

The following organizations and departments made presentations before the comittee concerning budget requests for 1977:

A. CAP Meals on Wheels

Ms. Arlene O'Connor, Acting Elderly Services Director for the Elderly programs of Belknap-Merrimack Comminuty Action Program, presented a request of an appropriation of $12,000.00 for support of the meals on wheels program throughout Belknap County.

The funds are intended to insure the continuation of the project throughout 1977 with a 3 to 1 Federal match of funds, thus granting the program an overall $48,000.00 budget for 1977. Ms. O'Conner presented an overview of the function and accomplishments of the program and provided specific information concerning the current budget request.

Discussion.

B. Register of Deeds

Mr. Everett Wheeler presented a budget request of $71,615.27 which represents a 20% increase over the 1976 budget of $58,328.34.

Increases were credited to the high amount of business conducted in the Register of Deeds office throughout 1976. Specifically, Mr. Wheeler mentioned the changes in Equipment & Univac Rental ($5,500 to $7,500), Telephone charges (550 to $1,200) and the need ıor a new typewriter. Also, Mr. Wheeler mentioned the need for an additional employee to help with the work load.

Mr. Wheeler brought the attention of the Executive Committee to House Bill #1, which provided an increase in fees charged by the Register of Deeds. He urged the Committee to support said bill, so that the office could become more self-sufficient.

Discussion.

C. Register of Probate

Mrs. Conly presented a budget request of $4,536.00 for 1977 which represented a 19% increase over the 1976 budget of $3,794.00.

Mrs. Conly noted the addition of two "one time items": a taperecorder for contested hearings at $350.00, and binders for two old index books at $300.00. Also included were substitute judge and legal fees required under statutes concerning county payment of such expenses ($600.00).

D. Sherriff's Department

Mr. Don Alden presented a budget estimate for 1977 of $253,905.61. He stated that at this time he was unable to present the committee with an exact budget proposal.

The committee skimmed the budget estimate and discussed several issues with Mr. Alden.

E. County Jail and House of Correction

Mr. Tom Myatt presented a budget proposal of $270,350.18 which represents a 13% increase over the 1976 budget of $231,474.00.

Mr. Myatt mentioned the addition of two new staff positions, the Evans pay scale, increased food costs, a reduction in heating oil costs due to the new boiler, and the addition of an automobile. According to Mr. Myatt the automobile was a part of his employment agreement and he felt that the lack of some form of transportation was unfair to him personally.

Discussion.

F. Soil Conservation Service

Mr. Stanley Hill and Ms. Barbara Kelley presented a budget request of

$1,800.00 which will pay Ms. Kelley's salary and cover operating expenses for the office to remain open to the public approximately thirty hours each week.

G. Airport Authority

Mr. Roger McGrath presented a budget request of $18,174.00 for 1977. Mr. McGrath noted the fact that the airport authority "ran in the red" in the amount of $2,500 during 1976. He also noted necessary repairs and construction in a portion of the runway which at this time will not stand the strain of aircraft in excess of 40,000 pounds. Additional lighting and increases in maintenance costs should account for the difference between the 1976 budget and the 1977 request.

H. Lakes Region Mental Health Center, Inc.

Dr. Gordon C.G. Thomas, M.D., presented a budget request of $53,100.00 from Belknap County to cover costs for 1977. Dr. Thomas cited the severe financial difficulties of the center, which were compounded by necessary increases in expenses to maintain services, loss of revenue, a redirection of State Funds away from the center, and the lack of an Executive Director.

Funds for the position of an Executive Director are necessary to the operation of the center due to the increases in work load, as a result of the decentralization process now going on in the N.H. Hospital. According to this statement, the center will be forced to reduce services over the next year without $53,100.00 as a minimum appropriation from the county.

Discussion.

I. Adult Tutorial Program

Mrs. Peggy Selig presented a budget request of $3,000.00 to continue the Adult Tutorial Program through the months of April, May, and June of 1977. After June 1977 the program will be eligible for Title XX funds from the Federal government.

J. Lakes Region-Inter Lakes Day Care Centers

Mr. Bert Tkach presented a budget request of $11,733.25 for continuation of services to Belknap County over 1977. Mr. Tkach described the

services provided by the Centers and placed emphasis on the geographical distribution of the families served.

Discussion.

K. Belknap County Mental Retardation Program

Ms. Linda A. Smith requested an appropriation of $700.00 for transportation of the developmentally disabled to the Laconia Community Center for a weekly program. Once each week volunteers hold activities for mentally retarded adults who now reside in the communities of Belknap County. The $700.00 would cover the rental of a bus to transport the individuals from their homes to the center and return. According to the presentation, the bus costs $35 each week and the $700.00 would cover the program for all of 1977.

L. Lakes Region–Twin Rivers Human Services Coordinating Council.

Mr. Peter Hance, Laconia City Planner, presented a budget request of $9,000.00 as Belknap County's share of the Council's $61,050.00 1977 budget. According to the presentation, the council would provide coordinating and referral services to the county on a type of contract basis. The purpose of the Council is to ensure that there be no overlapping human service organizations in the county and to help set priorities for services in the appropriation of the county and state funds.

Discussion.

There being no other presentations to come before the Executive Committee at this time, on motion by Rep. Randall, seconded by Rep. Murray, it was VO

Murray, it was VOTED: To adjourn.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee adjourned at 10:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Meeting of the Executive Committee
Belknap County Courthouse, Laconia, N.H. – 7:35 P.M.

February 7, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives French, Hanson, Mansfield, Marsh, Muarry, Randall, and Sabbow.

Ms. Mary Frost, representing the New Hampshire Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., presented a request for a county appropriation of $5,000.00 for "start-up" funds for a Lakes Region Sheltered Workshop Center. The center would extend workshop services to the handicapped within the community and provide constructive alternatives to those who currently have no available programs. According to the presentation, the "start-up" date for the center would be late summer. This is a one-time request as the center would become eligible for "third party" funds after a six month period.

Discussion.

The Executive Committee discussed specific items concerning the budget with Commissioners Dexter and Sprague. Items discussed included:

1. Limitation of the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch Budget to $100,000.00.

2. Limitation of the Lakes Region Mental Health Center Budget to the level of 1976: $35,400.00.

3. The use of revenue sharing funds within the budgets of the Superior Court and the Belknap County Home.

4. The request made by the Adult Tutorial Program for County funding.

5. The request made by the County Attorney for a full-time investigator to be placed directly within his office.

6. Revenue projections for the coming year.

The Executive Committee discussed the 1977 County Budget proposal at length and made "line-item" recommendations concerning the following budgets:

1. General Government
2. County Attorney
3. Register of Deeds
4. Register of Probate
5. Medical Referees and Autopsies
6. Court House
7. Superior Court
8. General Welfare
9. Cooperative Extention Service
10. Lakes Region Fire Dispatch
11. Miscellaneous Budgets
12. Budgeted Debt.

In brevity's name, the specific recommendations of the Executive Committee, by line-item, will appear within the finalized Executive Committee budget proposal to be presented at a later date.

Representative Randall moved, seconded by Rep. Hanson, that the Executive Committee meet with Mr. Hamel, Mr. Alden, and Mr. Myatt, to take up their respective budgets at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

Representative Murray moved, seconded by Rep. Hanson, that the Clerk be instructed to find the minutes of the 1976 meeting of the Executive Committee, or full County Delegation, in which the County Jail and House of Correction was authorized to hire three female guards. The purpose of said action to be to determine the original intent of the Executive Committee or full County Delegation in authorizing said positions.

Rep. Murray stated his belief that these positions were authorized only upon the condition that they be funded by the state Crime Commission, and that the County Delegation should not include these positions in the 1977 budget as said funds will expire July 1, 1977.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

At this time the Executive Committee made the following recommendations concerning the outside requests for County appropriation:

1. Lakes Region-Twin Rivers Human Services Coordinating Council. (Request: $9,000.00)

Rep. Murray moved, seconded by Rep. French, that the request of $9,000.00 be denied.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

2. Department of Continuing Education, Adult Tutorial Program (Request: $3,000.00).

Rep. Murray moved, seconded by Rep. Randall, that the request be denied.

Rep. Hanson spoke against the motion. Rep. Murray spoke in favor of the motion. Rep. Sabbow spoke against the motion. Rep. French spoke against the motion.

Motion failed: By voice vote.

Rep. Murray moved, seconded by Rep. Hanson, that the sum of $1,500.00 be allocated within the 1977 Belknap County Budget for the Adult Tutorial Program.

Discussion.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

3. Lakes Region-Inter Lakes Day Care Centers. (Request: $11,733.25)

Rep. Murray moved, seconded by Rep. Randall, that the request be denied.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

4. Laconia Community Center, Mental Retardation Program; providing recreational activities for mentally retarded adults. (Request $700.00)

Rep. Murray moved, seconded by Rep. Randall, that the request be denied.

Discussion.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

5. New Hampshire Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults. (Request of $5,000.00 for "start-up" funds for a Lakes Region sheltered workshop.)

Rep. Murray moved, seconded by Rep. Randall, that the request be denied.

Discussion.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

6. Community Action Program of Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.: Meals on Wheels Program. (Request: $12,000.00)

Rep. Murray moved, seconded by Rep. Randall, that the request be denied.

Rep. Murray spoke in favor of the motion. Rep. Randall spoke in favor of the motion. Rep. Hanson spoke again the motion. Rep. Sabbow spoke against the motion.

Discussion.

Rep Murray moved the previous question.

ADOPTED: Debate was limited.

The question before the Committee was the motion as made by Rep. Murray.

A roll call was requested.

AYES: (3) Representatives French, Murray, and Randall.

NAYS: (3) Representatives Hanson, Mansfield, and Sabbow.

ABSTENTIONS: (1) Rep. Marsh in the Chair.

There being three in favor and three opposed, the Chair declared a tie vote and cast the deciding vote in favor of the motion.

Motion carried: Four votes to Three.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee at this time, on motion by Rep. Hanson, seconded by Rep. Murray, it was VOTED: that the Executive Committee adjourn to meet again on Monday, February 14, 1977, at 8:30 P.M. at the Belknap County Courthouse.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Meeting of the Executive Committee
Belknap County Courthouse, Laconia, N.H. – 8:46 P.M.

February 14, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 8:46 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives French, Hanson, Mansfield, Marsh, Murray, Randall, Roberts, Sabbow, and Sanders.

Also present: Commissioners Dexter and Sprague.

1. Mr. Tom Myatt appeared before the Executive Committee to explain specific items within the proposed budget for the County Jail and House of Correction for 1977. Of special interest to the Committee were the following items:
   1. The request of a county vehicle.
   2. The request of two additional guard positions.
   3. The request that three female guards, formally funded by the N.H. Crime Commission, now be funded by County appropriation.

2. Sheriff Don Alden appeared before the Committee to discuss and defend his budget request for 1977.

3. Mr. Victor Hamel appeared before the Committee to discuss the 1977 proposed budget for the County Home and Hospital.

Rep. Roberts requested that Mr. Hamel and the County Commissioners provide the Committee with a specific breakdown of the County Home's proposed payroll along with the grade and step levels of each employee according to the Evan' Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being some question concerning the implementation of the Evans' Plan and the establishment of proper anniversary dates for County employees under said plan, on motion by Rep. Roberts, seconded by Rep. Hanson, it was VOTED: that the clerk be instructed to find the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee or of the full County Delegation at which the Evans' Plan was approved, and further, that the Executive Committee look into the matter to determine if the Evans' Plan has been implemented correctly according to the intent of the County Convention.

Commissioner Dexter presented the following correspondence:

February 8, 1977

Mr. Charles Evans
879 Concord Street
Carlisle, Massachusetts 01781

Dear Mr. Evans:

Our superintendent of the County Jail and House of Correction had an automobile assigned to his department during the period of your evaluation of several years ago. As he used the vehicle for official business, and being on call 24 hours per day is a part of his administrative responsibilities, he used the county car for transportation to and from his home.

Since the time of his job evaluation, the automobile has been removed from his department.

In light of this, the question is: was the automobile considered a part of his compensation when his salary was placed in your classification system? Also, in general, what is the use of an automobile such as this considered to be in public administration? Is it an employment benefit or department expense item?

Your attention is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
DEAN DEXTER
County Commissioner

February 11, 1977

Office of Belknap County Commissioners
Laconia, New Hampshire 03246

Attention: Mr. Dean Dexter
County Commissioner

Dear Commissioner Dexter:

Mr. Evans has asked me to respond to your letter of February 8 concerning the position of Superintendent of the County Jail and House of Correction and the use of an official car.

You asked whether the automobile was considered part of his compensation when the classification was recommended. The answer is definitely no. The use of an automobile was not considered. Mr. Evans advised me that the information furnished at the time did not indicate that a vehicle was involved.

With respect to your second question concerning public administration policy on the provision of a car for official day time use as well as to and from his home, I hope the following comments may be helpful:

1: The responsibility and authority for determination of the need and approval of a car for official business by the Superintendent rests with the County Commissioners, we presume. This is simply one aspect of the determination of what County resources are necessary to accomplish the job and is similar to the matter of the number

of employees needed. We are assuming that the question of need of a car for official business during working hours has been (or is being) determined and that the question then arising is that of the use of the car during the remaining hours.

2. Generally speaking (we have not checked New Hampshire statutes) the Commissioners have the authority to determine if the Superintendent responsibility includes being expected to respond when notified of emergency problems requiring his attention. Assuming for the purpose of answering your policy question that being subject to call on a 24 hour basis is an established part of the duties, we then get to the heart of the question of whether a County car is made available for the Superintendent's use on that basis. We believe this to be a discretionary judgement matter for the County Commissioners. It is a rather general practice in the emergency services field to allow an official car to be taken home in order to insure the employee's ability to respond when called, for example Police and Fire Chiefs. It is however, we feel, a matter for the responsible authority to determine if it is essential to getting the job done which is called for and a justifiable expenditure of public funds. The criteria which we would use in making that decision are:

a. Does the job have a real 24 hour on call requirement on a public safety basis?

b. Is fast response an important requirement when the Superintendent is called back?

c. Is a 2-way communication capability by the Superintendent an important part of being able to deal with the emergencies which produce the call back?

d. How many times per year does this occur?

e. What is the cost of meeting this additional transportation need as compared to other alternatives, such as reimbursement for use of personal car? This is an important reason for allowing Police and Fire Chiefs to use an official car.

f. Overall, is it in the interest of public safety with a cost that is defendable?

3. Now we come to the tougher part of the policy question. If use of the car is authorized to and from home for reasons arrived at as outlined above, does that "allowed" use extend to non-official business use, and if so, with what limits if any. Most states have general statutes which make illegal the use of a government owned vehicle for other than authorized official business. Here we believe it is part of the County Commissioner's responsibility to designate where official use stops and personal use starts. Most government agencies feel comfortable authorizing the use to and from home for department heads with recognized and demonstrated 24 hour call back such as exists in certain public safety functions. Going beyond that however can raise serious questions of legality, propriety and is the area most mentioned in citizen complaints.

You may wish to know that where the use of an official car is "allowed" or tolerated for personal use, there then arises a question of the employee being obligated under the income tax laws to treat that free transportation as a fringe benefit type of personal income.

In regard to your question regarding employment benefit vs department expense, the determination should follow the guidelines previously expressed. We suggest that any transportation expense (whether it be by official car provided at County expense or other arrangement) which the Commissioners have defined as essential to getting done the duties they expect the Superintendent to perform, would be considered an operating expense. Anything beyond that we believe would logically be considered a personal fringe benefit and this is where the question of its legality and its status as part of the employee's total income could arise.

We hope our comments may prove helpful to you. We commend the Commissioners on your initiative in seeking to clarify this matter.

Sincerely yours,
Charles M. Evans & Associates

by Walter C. O'Connell

Further correspondence:

February 14, 1977

Belknap County Commissioners
Court House
Laconia, N.H. 03246

Dear Commissioners:

Will you please request from the Delegation authorization for us to borrow $100,000.00 for the County to operate on until the budget is approved. $25,000.00 only lasts two weeks and is an uneconomical way to borrow.

Very truly yours,
H. Max Wakeman, Jr.

Representative Sanders moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to borrow $100,000.00 for County operation until the 1977 budget is approved.

ADOPTED: unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee at this time, on motion by Rep. Murray, seconded by Rep. Randall, it was VOTED: That the Executive Committee adjourn to meet again on Monday, February 21, 1977, at 7:30 P.M. at the Belknap County Courthouse.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Meeting of the Executive Committee
Belknap County Courthouse, Laconia, N.H., – 7:50 P.M.

February 21, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives Hanson, Mansfield, Marsh, Murray, Randall, Roberts, Sabbow, and Sanders.

The Committee discussed the 1977 County Budget proposal at length and made "line-item" recommendations concerning the following budgets:

1. County Home and Hospital
2. County Jail and House of Correction

The specific recommendations of the Committee, by line-item, will appear within the final Executive Committee budget proposal to be presented at a later date.

Representative Roberts recommended that a footnote be added to the budget which will request the County Commissioners to provide the Delegation with a monthly tally of total general expenditures, by department.

Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Randall, that the Executive Committee recommend to the County Convention the establishment of a study committee to determine the expansion needs of the Belknap County Home and Hospital. Said committee should be under the direction of the County Commissioners with funding to be a charge of the Belknap County Revenue Sharing account. Further, that the Clerk be hereby requested to draft a motion to this effect for presentation to the County Convention.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee at this time, on motion by Rep. Sanders, seconded by Rep. Randall, it was VOTED: That the Committee adjourn to meet again on Monday, February 28, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. at the Belknap County Courthouse.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Meeting of the Executive Committee
Belknap County Courthouse, Laconia, N.H. — 7:45 P.M.

February 28, 1977

The Meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives French, Hanson, Mansfield, Marsh, Murray, Roberts, Sabbow, and Sanders.

Also present: Commissioners Dexter and Sprague.

Sheriff Don Alden appeared before the Executive Committee to answer questions and review his 1977 budget request. The Sheriff requested an additional $10,000.00 to cover the expenses of the Department in the "Gilmanton Case," and discussed the need of a part-time dispatcher.

Rep. Roberts requested that the Sheriff provide the Committee with a listing of the anniversary dates of all employees of his department so that said anniversary dates can be checked in accordance with the Evans' Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Committee discussed the 1977 County Budget proposal at length and made line-item recommendations concerning the budget request of the Sheriff's Department and Dispatch Center. The specific recommendations of the Committee, by line-item, will appear within the final Executive Committee budget proposal to be presented at a later date.

The Committee recommended that all sick leave items within the 1977 budgets for all Departments be placed in a special fund under the control of the County Commissioners. Further, monies from said fund would be expended only upon the approval of the Commissioners.

Rep. Mansfield and Rep. Roberts recommended that the insurance needs of the County be reviewed and that the County Commissioners be requested to draw up a plan whereby County insurance could be purchased in one "package" program for all Departments.

Commissioner Dexter stated his intention of looking into these matters and reporting back to the Executive Committee at a later date.

The Executive Committee discussed the procedures by which gasoline is distributed to the various county departments at the County Home and Hospital. The Committee expressed its dissatisfaction with the current procedures, especially in the methods employed in the recording of each transaction.

The Chair announced that at this time the Executive Committee had reviewed the entire 1977 Belknap County Budget proposal with the exception of the salary requests of each department. There being some question as to the proper anniversary dates of employment for many county employees, as mandated by the Evans Plan, the Chair appointed a special committee to look into the implementation of said plan and to propose any changes in the salary requests of each Department necessary to bring the County into agreement with the stipulations and intent of the Evans Report.

The Chair appointed:

Rep. George B. Roberts, Jr., Chairman
Rep. Marshall French
Rep. Michael C. Hanson

The Committee discussed the current contract between the Town of Gilmanton and Belknap County for services rendered by the County Sheriff's Department and Dispatch Center.

The Committee discussed the cost of the employee meals at the County Home and Hospital, and the County Jail and House of Correction. It was recommended that the County Commissioners establish a written policy

concerning the payment for said meals, the responsibility of the County for providing said meals, and proper procedures for accounting for each employee's contribution.

Commissioner Dexter asked that the Executive Committee consider the transfer of one of the cars which the Sheriff's Department is planning to sell, from that Department to the County Jail and House of Correction for administrative use by Mr. Myatt.

Discussion.

Rep. French and Rep. Sabbow noted the County Attorney's renewed request for a full-time investigator for his office to help process the increasing workload of the office and to help prepare the prosecution of the upcoming "Gilmanton Case."

Discussion.

Rep. Hanson moved, seconded by Rep. Sanders, that the County Attorney be requested to attend the next Executive Committee meeting to discuss and defend his request for a full-time investigator.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee at this time, on motion by Rep. Sabbow, seconded by Rep. Murray, it was VOTED: That the Executive Committee now adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Meeting of the Executive Committee
Representatives' Hall, The State House
Concord, New Hampshire, — 3:30 P.M.

March 9, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives French, Hanson, Mansfield, Marsh, Murray, Randall, Roberts, Sabbow, and Sanders.

Representative Murray presented a request from the County Treasurer for authorization to borrow a sufficient sum of money to cover the county's operating expenses in anticipation of the adoption of the 1977 Belknap County Budget.

Representative French moved, seconded by Rep. Murray, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to borrow a total sum of not more than $400,000.00 in anticipation of the adoption of the 1977 Belknap county budget to cover the county operating expenses. Provided further, that all previous authorizations to borrow granted by the County Delegation to the County Treasurer in the current fiscal period shall be considered as part of the aforementioned total authorization.

Discussion.

Rep. French spoke in favor of the motion.

Rep. Sanders moved the previous question.

ADOPTED: Debate was limited.

The question before the Committee was the adoption of the motion as offered by Rep. French.

ADOPTED: Unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee at this time, on motion by Rep. Sanders, seconded by Rep. Murray, it was VOTED: That the Executive Committee adjourn subject to the call of the chair.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Meeting of the Executive Committee
Representatives' Hall, The State House
Concord, New Hampshire, – 4:40 P.M.

March 29, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives French, Hanson, Mansfield, Marsh, Murray, Randall, Roberts, Sabbow, and Sanders.

Representative Murray informed the Committee of the current situation arising out of the County's non-compliance with the New Hampshire State Retirement System statutes. He stated that Commissioner Dexter had informed him that there was a possibility that a Class Action suit would be filed by a number of employees against the County for retroactive retirement payments. Rep. Murray noted that the commissioner felt it necessary that steps be taken to protect the interests of the County and had requested an authorization from the Executive Committee to hire an attorney to represent said interests in any action which may be taken concerning this matter.

Discussion.

Representative Hanson moved, seconded by Rep. Randall, that the County Commissioners be hereby authorized to hire an attorney to represent the interests of the County in the dispute concerning the resolution of the County Convention of Marsh 21, 1946, and the compliance of Belknap County with the New Hampshire State Retirement statutes.

ADOPTED: Unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee at this time, on motion by Rep. Sanders, seconded by Rep. Randall, it was VOTED: That the Executive Committee adjourn subject to the call of the chair.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Meeting of the Executive Committee
Belknap County Courthouse, Laconia, N.H. — 7:35 P.M.

April 18, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives Hanson, Marsh, Murray, Randall, and Sabbow.

The Committee discussed the salary requests made by each department within the 1977 Belknap County Budget Proposal and made specific "line-item" recommendations concerning the same in accordance with the Evans' Plan.

There being no further buiness to come before the Executive Committee at this time, on motion by Rep. Murray, seconded by Rep. Randall, it was VOTED: That the Executive Committee adjourn subject to the call of the chair.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Meeting of the Executive Committee
Representatives' Hall, The State House
Concord, New Hampshire — 7:30 P.M.

April 28, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives French, Hanson, Mansfield, Marsh, Murray, Randall, Roberts, Sabbow, and Sanders.

Rep. Murray presented the following correspondence to the Executive Committee:

TO: Mr. James Murray
Chairman, Belknap County Convention

DATE: Apr. 26, 1977

FROM: Dean Dexter
Belknap County Commissioner

The County has received about $6,000.00 in anti-recession funds from the Federal Government, $3020.00 of this amount must be appropriated by the end of this week. Because we thought the public hearing would be held earlier, we did not present this item to you sooner. Therefore, we are greeted with the dilemma of appropriating this money at this late date.

No public hearing is required to expend this money so if the delegation can meet in Concord and dispose of this matter, the matter can be easily settled.

We would recommend that the money be allocated for miscellaneous building expenses as there are a few small items on the project that still need attention.

With best wishes,
Dean

Discussion.

Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Sanders, that the county commissioners be hereby authorized to expend anti-recession monies of $3020.00 for miscellaneous building expenses drawn from the general building fund, provided, that all specific expenditures be authorized by and under the control of the Executive Committee.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee at this time, on motion by Rep. French, seconded by Rep. Sanders, it was VOTED: That the Executive Committee adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

Belknap County Convention
Belknap County Courthouse, Laconia, N.H. — 7:45 P.M.

June 6, 1977

BUDGET HEARING

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by the Chairman. Notice of the meeting, along with a budget summary, had been given pursuant to RSA 24:23 and RSA 24:9-d to the *Laconia Evening Citizen,* a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

Present were: Representatives Ambrose, Beard, Bowler, Dionne, French, Hanson, Hildreth, Mansfield, Marsh, Morin, Murray, Nighswander, Randall, Roberts, Sabbow, and Sanders.

Also present: Commissioners Spear, Dexter, and Sprague.

Mr. Gilbert Upton, counsel for Belknap County, briefed the delegation on the status of the current retirement system dispute between the county and its employees concerning membership in the State Retirement System. Mr. Upton presented the historical background to the case and discussed the extent of the county's liability. He also proposed several alternatives which could lead to a resolution of the dispute and answered the questions of the delegation.

Mr. Curtis McCrady of the N.H. State Retirement system appeared before the delegation and answered several questions concerning a resolution of the retirement dispute.

Mr. Hill of the Belknap Soil Conservation District spoke in favor of his budget request and answered the questions of the delegation.

Commissioner Dexter and Mr. Edwin Chertok of Laconia spoke to the recommended budget under the category of General Government and answered the questions of the delegation. Commissioner Dexter requested $800.00 in order to cover the work of Evan's Associates for work previously done with the County salary policy. Mr. Chertok believed that the amount recommended to cover auditor's expense was insufficient for the needs of the county.

Mr. Everett Wheeler, Belknap County Register of Deeds, spoke in regard to his budget request and answered the questions of the delegation.

Ms. Dorothea R. Conly, Belknap County Register of Probate, spoke in regard to her budget request and answered the questions of the delegation.

Sheriff Donald Alden spoke in regard to his budget request and answered the questions of the delegation. Sheriff Alden made special mention of the current "Gilmanton Case" and noted the effect of this special expenditure upon his overall budget requirements.

Commissioner Dexter presented the budget requirements for the Belknap County Courthouse and answered the questions of the delegation.

Mr. Robert Tilton, Clerk of the Superior Court for Belknap County, spoke in regard to the Budget request of the Superior Court.

Commissioner Dexter reviewed the budget proposal for the General Welfare category for the delegation.

Mr. Victor Hamel, Administrator of the Belknap County Home, requested an across the board increase of 6% in all line item accounts for the County Home so that he could meet the basic needs of the Home. Mr. Hamel spoke at length to his budget request and answered the questions of the delegation.

Mr. Thomas Myatt, Superintendent of the Belknap County Jail and House of Correction, spoke in regard to his budget request and answered the questions of the delegation. Mr. Myatt presented several letters concerning the conditions of his employment and asked that the delegation include in his 1977 budget monies for the purchase and operation of a car for his department.

Mrs. Houston from the Belknap County Cooperative Extention Service spoke in favor of her budget request.

Mr. David Huot, Mr. Paul Levett, Mr. Rogers Ruddock, Mr. George Rickford, and Mr. Bruce Teele spoke in favor of the original request for the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch system. Each gentleman spoke to the benefits afforded by the system to Belknap county and each stressed the problems which would arise with any financial outback from the original request.

Commissioner Spear spoke in favor of the budget request for the Airport Authority.

Dr. Gordon Thomas, Director of the Belknap County Mental Health Center noted the center's need for additional funding above and beyond the 1977 county budget level.

Mr. Bert Tkach presented a request for $11,000.00 from County resources for the operation of the Lakes Region and Inter-Lakes Day Care Centers and answered the questions of the delegation.

Mr. Richard Kelley presented a budget request of $12,000.00 for the Community Action Program's Meals-on-Wheels program. Mr. Kelley presented a petition in favor of the budget request, a letter from Ms. Martha Taylor, Elderly Services Director of CAP, and personally spoke in favor of the request.

Ms. Mary Frost spoke in favor of a $700.00 request made by the Belknap County Mental Retardation Program to help cover the transportation costs of the Laconia center.

Ms. Peggy Seleg and Mr. Richard Richardson spoke in favor of a request made by the Laconia Adult Tutorial Program for partial county funding for 1977.

Ms. Mary Frost requested $5,000.00 of county funding to help establish a sheltered workshop for the developmentally disabled in the Belknap County area. Ms. Frost described the specific purpose and objectives of the center and stressed the benefits of the center to both those in need of its services and the community as a whole.

Dr. Kate Lothrop, Mr. Bob Snarr, and Mr. Rogers Ruddock, spoke in favor of a budget request of $9,000.00 made by the Lakes Region-Twin Rivers Human Services Coordinating Council and answered the questions of the delegation.

Ms. Ester Peters spoke briefly in favor of a request made by the Belknap Mill Society for $15,000.00 from the County Revenue Sharing account to be used to supplement the society's current budget.

There being no further testimony to come before the delegation at this time, the Chair closed the budget hearing at 12:50 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the delegation at this time, on motion by Rep. French, seconded by Rep. Hanson, it was VOTED: That the delegation adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly, the delegation adjourned at 12:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Meeting of the Executive Committee
Representatives' Hall, The State House
Concord, New Hampshire — 6:10 P.M.

June 21, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives French, Mansfield, Marsh, Murray, Randall, Roberts, Sabbow, and Sanders.

Rep. Murray presented the following correspondence to the Executive Committee:

TO: Belknap County Delegation Date: June 15, 1977
FROM: Dean Dexter

The Commissioners request that the delegation authorize more money to be borrowed in anticipation of taxes in the amount of $600,000.00.

Borrowing of funds must be authorized before Tuesday, June 21st in order for the county to meet its financial obligations.

The Commissioners would have requested permission to borrow sooner if it had been known that the budget would not be passed by this time.

Sincerely,
DEAN DEXTER
Belknap County Commissioner

Representative Murray moved, seconded by Rep. Sanders, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to borrow a total sum of not more than $600,000.00 in anticipation of the adoption of the 1977 Belknap County Budget in order to cover the county's operating expenses, Provided that all previous authorizations to borrow in anticipation of taxes granted to the County Treasurer by the County Delegation or Executive

Committee in the current fiscal period shall be considered as part of the aforementioned total authorization.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee at this time, on motion by Rep. Murray, seconded by Rep. Sanders, it was VOTED: That the Executive Committee adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Belknap County Convention
Belknap County Courthouse — Laconia, N.H. — 8:00 P.M.

June 27, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives Beard, Bowler, Dionne, French, Goyette, Hanson, Hildreth, Mansfield, Marsh, Morin, Murray, Nighswander, Randall, Roberts, Sabbow, and Sanders.

Also present: Commissioners Spear, Dexter, and Sprague.

The county commissioners discussed the planned 6% across the board cost of living raise for all county employees in comparison with the normal step increases under the current Evans plan for Belknap County with the delegation.

Discussion.

Rep. Hildreth moved, seconded by Rep. Marsh, that the delegation continue the current Evans Plan classification system for county employees.

Rep. Sanders offered an amendment to grant those employees currently at the Evans Plan maximum classification a cost of living raise.

Discussion.

Rep. Sanders withdrew her amendment.

The question before the delegation was on the motion as offered by Rep. Hildreth.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

Rep. Sanders moved, seconded by Rep. Hildreth, that all county employees be given a cost of living salary increase of 5% for the remainder of the current fiscal year in addition to the normal Evans Plan increments.

Discussion.

Rep. Nighswander moved the previous question.

ADOPTED: debate was limited.

The question before the delegation was on the motion as offered by Rep. Sanders.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Rep. Marsh desired to be recorded in opposition to the motion.

The delegation discussed the status of the retirement dispute with the county commissioners and the impact of said dispute upon the current budget proposal.

Discussion.

Rep. French moved that Belknap County implement the retirement system from the present date.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Rep. Marsh moved, Seconded by Rep. French, that the county implement the retirement system from the effective date of the 1977 County Budget without retroactive benefits or payments.

Discussion.

Rep. Marsh moved the previous question.

ADOPTED: debate was limited.

The question before the delegation was on the motion as offered by Rep. Marsh.

A roll call was requested.

AYES: (7) Representatives Dionne, French, Goyette, Hanson, Hildreth, Marsh, and Randall.

NAYS: (7) Representatives Beard, Bowler, Mansfield, Morin, Nighswander, Sabbow, and Sanders.

ABSTENTIONS: (1) Representative Murray in the Chair.

There being seven votes in favor and seven votes in opposition, the motion failed.

Rep. Hildreth moved that the delegation accept and adopt the commissioners' budget request for $11,000.00 to cover the cost of the implementation of the retirement system for the current fiscal year.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Nighswander.

Discussion.

Rep. Goyette moved the previous question.

ADOPTED: debate was limited.

The question before the delegation was on the motion as offered by Rep. Hildreth.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

At this time the delegation considered the adoption of specific line items within the proposed 1977 Belknap County Budget. For brevity's sake, line items adopted without debate will merely be listed. Specific information concerning the budget proposals and the amount of each line item account is on file at the Commissioners' office.

The Delegation approved line item accounts 4000:00 to 4100:36.

Rep. Hildreth moved, seconded by Rep. Randall, that $800.00 be added to line item 4100:39 (Miscellaneous expense – General Government) to cover the cost of the recent work done by Evans Associates in Belknap County.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

The Delegation approved line item accounts 4100:40 and 4100:01.

Rep. Sabbow moved, seconded by Rep. Hildreth, that the amount of $931.00 be added to line item 4102:00 to cover the cost of the county audit. (Auditors Expense – General Government.)

Discussion.

Rep. Marsh offered to amend the Sabbow motion by requiring that the county be audited annually and raising the appropriation for line item 4102:00 to $2,931.00.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

The main motion was ADOPTED: as amended.

The Delegation approved line item 4110:00.

The Delegation discussed the current Evans plan classification for the County Attorney's Secretary. (Line item 4110:01).

Rep. Sanders moved that the County Attorney's secretary remain in the current Evans Classification to be afforded the 5% cost of living increase previously adopted by the Delegation.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Sabbow.

Discussion.

Rep. Sabbow moved the previous question.

ADOPTED: debate was limited.

The question before the delegation was on the motion as offered by Rep. Sanders.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

The Delegation adopted line item accounts 4110:36 to 4135:00.

The Delegation discussed the budget proposal for the Sheriff's General Expense – line item 4140:36.

Rep. Sanders moved that a special appropriation of $8,000.00 be made to the Sheriff's Department to cover the costs of the "Gilmanton Case."

The motion was seconded by Rep. Bowler.

Rep. Sabbow amended the motion to read $7,361.04.

The question before the delegation was on the amendment as offered by Rep. Sabbow.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

The question before the delegation was on the motion, made by Rep. Sanders, as amended.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

The delegation adopted line item 4140:36 (Sheriff's General Expense) as amended.

Concerning line item 4140:00 (Salaries – Sheriff and Deputies), Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Randall that the delegation adopt the Evans associates' reevaluation for the position held by Mr. Clyde E. Rogers in the Sheriff's Department.

Discussion.

Rep. Beard moved the previous question.

ADOPTED: debate was limited.

The question before the delegation was on the motion as made by Rep. Roberts.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

The delegation approved line item 4140:00 as amended and line item 4140:01.

Concerning line item 4160:00 (Court House, Salaries – Custodians), Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Marsh, that a typographical error be corrected making the salary of Mr. Edson C. Berry equal the proper figure of $7159.36.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

The delegation adopted line item 4160:00 as amended and line items 4160:36 through 4160:94.

In regard to line item 4180:00 (Clerk of Court Expenses – Superior Court), Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Hildreth that $56.30 be added to the appropriation request for a revolving stool and that $600.00 be added for a steno desk.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

The delegation adopted line item 4180:00 as amended and line items 4180:40 through 4180:58.

The Delegation adopted line items 4190:00 through 4190:53, (General Welfare).

Rep. Sabbow moved that line item 4190:56 (Old Age Assistance – General Welfare) be reduced to a total sum of $150,000.00.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Sanders.

Discussion.

Rep. Sabbow withdrew his motion.

Rep Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Hanson, that, in accordance with RSA 24:14, the funds appropriated under line item 4190:56 shall be non-transferable without express approval of the Executive Committee or full delegation.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

The delegation adopted line item 4190:56 as amended and line items 4190:57 and 4190:58.

The delegation accepted the revenue estimates for the Belknap County Home which were found on pages 16 and 17 of the 1977 Budget request.

The delegation adopted line items 5100:01 through 5100:18.

In regard to line item 5100:38 (Postage – Administration – County Home), Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that the amount proposed be raised to $550.00.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

The delegation adopted line item 5100:38 as amended.

In regard to line item 5100:39 (Supplies – Administration – County Home), Rep. Beard moved, seconded by Rep. Hildreth, that the figure be raised to $3,000.00.

Discussion.

MOTION LOST: by voice vote.

The delegation adopted line item accounts 5100:39 through 5100:94 as proposed.

Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Beard, that line item account 5110:01 (Payroll – Property and Related Expenses – County Home) be changed to $27,159.60.

Discussion.

Rep. Nighswander moved the previous question.

ADOPTED: debate was limited.

The question before the delegation was on the motion as offered by Rep. Nighswander.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

Rep. Marsh desired to be recorded as being in opposition to the motion.

The delegation adopted line item 5110:01 as amended.

Rep. Beard moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that line item 5110:39 (Supplies – Property and related expenses – County Home) be increased to $4,000.00.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

The delegation adopted line item 5110:39 as amended and line item 5110:61.

Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that line item account 5110:63 (Water – property and related expenses – County Home) be increased to $2,700.00 and that line item 5110:64 (Sewer – Property and related expenses – County Home) be increased to $4,600.00.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

The delegation adopted line items 5110:63 and 5110:64 as amended and line item 5110:65 as proposed.

Rep. Hanson moved, seconded by Rep. Roberts, that line item 5110:72 (Gas & Oil – Truck and Tractor – Property and Related Expenses – County Home) be reduced to $800.00.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Goyette, that line item 5110:96 (Garden Supplies – Property and Related Expense – County Home) be increased to $2,000.00 to replace missing equipment at the County Home.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Hanson, that a new line item account 5110:02 be established at the level of $680.00 to cover payroll overtime costs.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

The delegation adopted line items 5110:72, 5110:96, and 5110:02 as amended and line items 5110:73 through 5110:92 as proposed.

Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Hanson, that a new line item be established 5130:02 to cover payroll overtime costs in the dietary department of the County Home at a level of $928.00.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Rep. Hanson moved, seconded by Rep. Hildreth, that line item 5130:50 (Food Cost – Dietary – County Home) be increased to $85,000.00.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

The delegation adopted line items 5130:02 and 5130:50 as amended and items 5130:01 through 5130:39 and 5130:62 through 5130:97, as proposed.

Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that a new line item account be established, 5140:05 at a level of $8,195.00 to cover payroll overtime needs of the Nursing division of the County Home.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

The delegation adopted line item accounts 5140:01 through 5140:04 as proposed, 5140:05 as amended, and 5140:17 through 5140:97 as proposed.

Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that a new line item account 5160:02 be established at a level of $500.00 to cover the payroll overtime needs of the Laundry and Linen department of the County Home.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Rep. Marsh desired to be recorded in opposition to the motion.

The delegation adopted line item 5160:01 as proposed, line item 5160:02 as amended, and line items 5160:39 through 5160:92 as proposed.

Rep. Hanson moved, seconded by Rep. Roberts, that line item 5170:01 (payroll – Housekeeping – County Home) be reduced to $34,356.00.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that a new line item account be established, 5170:02 at a level of $344.00 to cover the necessary payroll overtime costs of the Housekeeping division of the County Home.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

The delegation adopted line items 5170:01 and 5170:02 as amended and line items 5170:39 through 5170:72 as proposed.

The delegation discussed the current policy concerning drug purchasing for the County Home.

Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Mansfield, that the delegation accept the revised Evans plan classification for the position of Social Worker at the County Home currently held by Ms. Janice Weinland.

Discussion.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

The delegation adopted line items 5180:00 through 5180:35, 5190:00 through 5190:17, and 5190:23 through 5190:98 as proposed.

The delegation discussed the current guard situation at the County Jail and House of Correction.

Rep. Dionne moved, seconded by Rep. Sanders, that the delegation authorize a third position for a female guard at the County Jail.

Discussion.

A division vote was called for.

AYES: (9)

NAYS: (5)

ABSTENTIONS: (1) Representative Murray in the Chair.

There being nine in favor and five opposed, the motion carried.

Rep. Nighswander, seconded by Rep. Hanson, that the item concerning Medical Dressings and supplies for the Jail and House of Correction be increased to $7,000.00.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Hanson, that monies be transferred from over time, Yard time and meetings account for the County Jail and be entered into the account for Holiday pay, making over time, yard time, and meeting to equal $3,270.00 and Holiday pay to equal 5,229.96.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Rep. Beard moved, seconded by Rep. Nighswander, that an additional male guard position be added to the budget proposal for the Jail and House of Correction.

Discussion.

MOTION LOST: by voice vote.

Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Roberts, that the food costs for residents at the Jail and House of Correction be increased to $35,000.00.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Representatives Randall and Marsh desired to be recorded in opposition to the motion.

Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Beard, that equipment for the Jail and House of Correction be increased to $500.00.

Discussion.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Representatives Randall and Marsh desired to be recorded in opposition to the motion.

Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Roberts, that Supplies for the Jail and House of Correction be appropriated at a sum of $10,500.00.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

The delegation adopted line item 5200:00 (Jail and House of Correction) as amended.

Rep. Hanson moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that the appropriation for the Belknap County Cooperative Extention Service for Communication be set at $2,500.00.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

The delegation adopted line item 8360:00 (Belknap County Cooperative Extention Service) as amended.

Rep. Hildreth moved, seconded by Rep. Hanson, that the appropriation for line item 9385:00 (Lakes Region Fire Dispatch) be increased to $111,322.00.

Discussion.

A Roll Call was requested.

The question before the delegation was on the motion as made by Rep. Hildreth.

AYES: (7) Representatives Dionne, French, Goyette, Hanson, Hildreth, Mansfield, and Roberts.

NAYS: (8) Representatives Beard, Bowler, Marsh, Morin, Nighswander, Randall, Sabbow, and Sanders.

ABSTENTIONS: (1) Representative Murray in the Chair.

There being seven in favor of the motion and eight opposed, the motion failed.

The delegation adopted line item account 9385:00 (Lakes Region Fire Dispatch) as proposed.

The delegation adopted the following line item accounts as proposed: 1. Budgeted Debt 9115:00, 9110:00, 9120:00, 9160:00, 9170:00, 9175:00. 2. Miscellaneous Budgets 9370:00 (Delegation Expense), 9396:00 (Social Security – Blue Cross, County Share), 9395:00 (Belknap Soil Conservation District), 8361:00 (Airport Authority), 9376:00 (Non-payroll items), and 9380.00 (Lakes Region Community Health Center).

Rep. Hanson moved, seconded by Rep. Hildreth, that line item 9396:00 (New Hampshire Retirement System) be increased to $19,500.00.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that line item 8362:00 (Lakes Region Mental Health Center) be increased to $38,000.00.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

The delegation adopted line items 9396:00 and 8362:00 as amended.

The delegation discussed the level at which the town of Gilmanton reimburses the county for services rendered by the Sheriff's patrol of that town.

Rep. Marsh moved that the county raise its charge to the town of Gilmanton to $25,960.00 per year.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Rep. Hildreth moved, seconded by Rep. Dionne, that a special committee be established consisting of three members of the county delegation appointed by the chairman to study the function, responsibilities, and

operation of the Belknap County Sheriff's Department. The committee shall report to the delegation by January 1, 1978.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

OUTSIDE REQUESTS

Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Goyette, that $11,733.25 be appropriated for the Lakes Region-Inter Lakes Day Care Centers, provided that any appropriation made by any of the towns or city of Belknap County shall reduce the county appropriation by the amount of the local grant.

Discussion.

MOTION FAILED: by voice vote.

Rep. Beard moved, seconded by Rep. Goyette, that $12,000.00 be appropriated for the Belknap County Community Action Program to supplement their Meals-on-Wheels program.

Discussion.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Rep. Marsh desired to be recorded in opposition to the motion.

Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that any local appropriation made by the municipalities of Belknap County to the Community Action Program for its Meals-on-Wheels program shall reduce the county appropriation by a like amount.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Rep. Dionne moved, seconded by Rep. Hildreth, that $3,000.00 be appropriated for the Laconia Adult Tutorial program.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Hanson, that any state appropriation afforded in the 1978-1979 state budget for the Adult Tutorial

program for Belknap County shall reduce the appropriation made by Belknap County to a like amount up to $3,000.00.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

Rep. Hildreth moved, seconded by Rep. Hanson, that all monies appropriated in all line items within the 1977 Belknap County Budget shall be non-transferable without the express approval of the Executive Committee or full delegation, in accordance with RSA 24:14.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

On motion by Rep. Hanson, seconded by Rep. Roberts, it was VOTED: That the Delegation RECESS until Thursday, June 30, 1977 at a time and place to be set by the Chairman so that the Delegation may complete its action on the 1977 Belknap County Budget.

Accordingly, the Delegation recessed at 1:06 A.M.

(Recess)

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Belknap County Convention
Room 100, The State House
Concord, New Hampshire — 7:11 P.M.

June 30, 1977

(Recessed meeting of June 27, 1977)

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 P.M. by the Chair.

Present were: Representatives Ambrose, Beard, Bowler, Dionne, French, Hanson, Hildreth, Mansfield, Marsh, Morin, Murray, Nighswander, Randall, Roberts, and Sanders.

Rep. Beard moved that a total of $5,200.00 be added to the appropriation for the Belknap County Jail and House of Correction to provide a car and one-half year's expenses for the use of said facility.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Nighswander.

Discussion.

Rep. Beard spoke in favor of the motion.

Rep. Hildreth spoke in opposition to the motion.

Rep. Dionne moved the previous question.

ADOPTED: debate was limited.

The question before the delegation was on the motion as offered by Rep. Beard.

A roll call was requested.

AYES: (5) Representatives Ambrose, Beard, Mansfield, Morin, and Nighswander.

NAYS: (9) Representatives Bowler, Dionne, French, Hanson, Hildreth, Marsh, Randall, Roberts, and Sanders.

ABSTENTIONS: (1) Representative Murray in the Chair.

There being five votes in favor and nine opposed, the motion failed.

Rep. Hanson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

The motion was seconded by Rep. Roberts.

RESOLVED: that the budget for the County of Belknap for the period beginning January 1, 1977 and ending December 31, 1977 as set forth in the budget prepared by the Clerk, pages one through thirty-five, be adopted; the appropriation totals being:

1. General Government	$	77,148.60
2. Register of Deeds		71,099.66

3. Register of Probate	4,506.00
4. Medical Referees and Autopsies	4,500.00
5. Sheriff's Department	252,086.24
6. Court House	70,939.19
7. Superior Court	227,527.21
8. General Welfare	243,730.28
9. County Home	255,043.66 (net)
10. County Jail and House of Correction	240,707.37 (net)
11. Cooperative Extention Service	53,071.00
12. Lakes Region Fire Dispatch	98,000.00
13. Miscellaneous Budgets	141,550.00
14. Budgeted Debt	190,725.00
TOTAL	$1,930,634.21

So that the total appropriations for 1977 shall be $1,930,634.21 and anticipated unrestricted revenue to offset the same shall be $356,545.25 leaving a balance to be raised by taxation of $1,574,088.96.

And be it further,

RESOLVED: That pursuant to RSA 24:14 the County Commissioners are hereby instructed to provide the members of the Belknap County Delegation with a monthly report of the expenditures of the county, by department, as compared to the budget as voted.

ADOPTED: By voice vote without dissent.

Rep. Hanson moved, seconded by Rep. French, the adoption of the following budget footnotes.

1. The Belknap County appropriations of $3,000.00 for the Laconia Adult Tutorial Program and $12,000.00 for the Community Action Program, Meals-on-Wheels program shall be reduced by a like amount of any municipal appropriation for said programs made by the individual towns and city of Belknap County during 1977.

2. Whenever it appears that the amount appropriated for a specific purpose within the 1977 Belknap County Budget will not be used in whole or in part for such purpose, the county commissioners may transfer said appropriation or part thereof to augment other appropriations only upon the written authorization of the executive committee of the

Belknap County Delegation, pursuant to RSA 24:14 and RSA 24:15. Further, the county commissioners shall obtain written authorization from the executive committee of the Belknap County Delegation before transferring any appropriation or part thereof within this budget pursuant to RSA 24:15, III.

ADOPTED: by voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Delegation at this time, on motion by Rep. French, seconded by Rep. Hanson, it was VOTED: that the Belknap County Delegation adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly, the delegation adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Belknap County Convention
Belknap County Courthouse, Laconia, N.H.

July 11, 1977

Present: Representatives Marsh, Sanders, French, Mansfield, Randall.

Also Present: Commissioners Spear, Dexter, and Sprague.

Purpose of meeting to discuss personnel situation at county prison.

It was determined Executive Committee cannot add monies to budget but can recommend supplemental appropriations to full delegation or could transfer funds or authorize emergency appropriations.

SPEAR – Commissioners have determined no matter what delegation decides to have 2 male and 1 female guards on *all* shifts.

DEXTER – Drastic need for full coverage.

MYATT – 21 shift week; 504 man hour/week, 72/day; 13 employees x 40 hrs. - 520 hr. Four men for 16 extra hours would be used to double up at visiting hours or yard time.

1974 7 male guards, 1 female – no federal funds
1975 9 male guards, 1 female
1976 9 male guards, 4 female
1977 7 male guards, 4 female

House of Corrections – 30 men
Jail – 15 two-man cells
2 segregation (females & juveniles)

Ray Lakeman – part time correctional officer. 1965 – 1st experience – was member of sheriff's department. Detailed on weekends. No qualified guards at that time, no proper training.

With proper personnel can control contraband and establish relationship with prisoners. Today double the inmate population.

Robert DeLucca – employee for 9 years. Presently 2-year leave of absence to be reserve recruiter. Many fires, suicides, fights that could have been prevented by adequate personnel.

Commissioner Spear informed delegation that county employees are working towards formal unionization.

CETA funds would be available if could get qualified referral, but none has appeared. No other federal funds available.

MYATT – Informed committee that county was required to meet burial expenses of funeral for inmate while in custody – $1,000 needed.

REP. FRENCH – Motion to adjourn subject to meeting with full delegation at which Executive Committee would inform full delegation of recommendations.

Seconded by Rep. Marsh, agreed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jane Sanders

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Belknap County Convention
Belknap County Courthouse, Laconia, N.H. — 7:36 P.M.

September 19, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 P.M. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives Beard, Bowler, Dionne, French, Hanson, Hildreth, Mansfield, Marsh, Morin, Murray, Nighswander, Randall, Sabbow, and Sanders.

Also present: Commissioners Spear, Dexter, Sprague .

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by the Chairman for the purpose of hearing requests by the County Commissioners for the expenditure of revenue sharing, EDA, and Anti-recession funds and the comments of the public thereon in accordance with the notice published in the *Laconia Evening Citizen* during the week of September 12-September 16, 1977.

The county commissioners requested the expenditure of $133,190.00 in Revenue Sharing funds. The breakdown of the expense is as follows:

For the Belknap County Home:	
85 beds (including mattresses, rails and cabinets)	$ 34,000.00
75 geriatric chairs	9,000.00
Generator (150 KW)	37,000.00
2 bath lifts	2,190.00
For use of Committee to research need for a new County Home addition	10,000.00
For the Office of Register of Deeds:	
Reader printer unit	10,000.00
Cost of retaining wall for property line on north side of the courthouse	10,000.00
For the Belknap Mill Society	15,000.00

For the Sheriff's Department:	
Cabinets for the Sheriff's Dispatch center	6,000.00
TOTAL	$133,190.00
Balance in the Belknap County Revenue Sharing Account as of August 31, 1977:	$223,912.65

Mr. Victor Hamel, Administrator of the Belknap County Home spoke to the Commissioners request of $92,190.00 for capital improvements of the home, and answered the questions of the Delegation.

Commissioner Dexter presented the request of the Office of Register of Deeds for the expenditure of $20,000.00 of Revenue Sharing funds, and answered the questions of the Delegation.

Mr. Brad Mitchell, Ms. Esther Peters, and Mr. Peter Karagianis spoke in favor of the request of $15,000.00 for the Belknap Mill Society, and answered the questions of the Delegation.

Commissioner Spear spoke in regard to the request of $6,000.00 for the Sheriff's Dispatch Center cabinets.

Dr. Kate Lothrop presented a request of $3,500.00 from Belknap County Revenue Sharing funds for the Lakes Region-Twin Rivers Human Services Coordinating Council to be used as a match for Federal Title XX funds.

Mr. Edwin Chertok spoke in favor of the requests for Revenue Sharing Funds from the Belknap Mill Society, the Office of the Register of Deeds, and the Lakes Region-Twin Rivers Human Services Coordinating Council.

The county commissioners requested authorization to accept EDA Funds from the U.S. Department of Commerce to the amount of $214,000.00 for a twelve bed addition to the County Jail and House of Correction (to house female prisoners and juveniles), an emergency generator housing unit, and a vehicle housing shed and workshop area.

The Delegation and the Commissioners discussed the procedure employed in the specific application made by Belknap County.

Mr. Tom Myatt, Superintendent of the Belknap County Jail and House of Correction, presented the specific plan to build an addition to the current facility in order to create proper facilities for the incarceration of female and juvenile prisoners. Mr. Myatt presented the Delegation with the specifications of the addition and answered the Delegation's questions concerning the EDA grant.

Judge Bernard Snierson spoke to the Delegation in regard to the legal requirements placed upon Belknap County in cases where it is necessary for the county to hold female or juvenile prisoners. Mr. Snierson briefly described the current conditions at the Jail and House of Correction and strongly urged the adoption of the EDA grant for said improvements to the facility.

Discussion.

The county commissioners requested that the expenditure of anti-recession funds to the amount of $10,830.00 be authorized to augment any line item account within the 1977 Belknap County Budget which is at present running over the budgeted amount, with the excess to be turned into the general fund to become a part of any surplus at the end of the county fiscal year (December 31, 1977).

Discussion.

There being no one else desiring to speak to the issue, the chair declared the Public Hearing closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rep. Marsh moved, seconded by Rep. Beard, that the amount of $92,190.00 be allocated from Belknap County Revenue Sharing Funds for expenses relating to the Belknap County Home as outlined in the request of the county commissioners.

Rep. Randall offered an amendment to exclude $37,000.00 of the Commissioners request by refusing to appropriate funds for the 150 KW generator for the Belknap County Home until such time as the convention could review the specifications of and need for said generator. Thus the total to be authorized for the Belknap County Home from Belknap County Revenue Sharing Funds equals $55,190.

Discussion.

Rep. Randall withdrew his amendment.

Rep. Marsh withdrew his motion.

Rep. Dionne moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that the Delegation consider each item presented within the commissioners' request individually.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

Rep. Marsh moved, seconded by Rep. Hanson, that the amount of $34,000.00 be appropriated from Belknap County Revenue Sharing funds for the purchase of 85 beds and accessories for the Belknap County Home.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

Rep. Dionne moved that the Delegation refuse the request of the commissioners concerning the purchase of 75 geriatric chairs at a cost of $9,000.00 for the Belknap County Home. Further, that the Delegation authorize the expenditure of $6,000.00 for the purchase of 50 geriatric chairs for the Belknap County Home.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Morin.

Rep. Sanders spoke against the motion. Rep. Hanson spoke against the motion. Rep. Sabbow spoke against the motion. Rep. Morin spoke in favor of the motion.

Rep. Beard moved the previous question.

ADOPTED: debate was limited.

The question before the delegation being the motion as offered by Rep. Dionne.

A Roll Call was requested.

AYES: (2) Representatives Dionne and Morin.

NAYS: (11) Representatives Beard, Bowler, French, Hanson, Hildreth, Mansfield, Marsh, Nighswander, Randall, Sabbow, and Sanders.

ABSTENTIONS: (1) Representative Murray in the Chair.

There being two votes in favor and eleven in opposition, the motion failed.

Rep. French moved, seconded by Rep. Beard, that the Delegation authorize the expenditure of $9,000.00 from the Belknap County Revenue Sharing account for the purchase of 75 geriatric chairs for the Belknap County Home.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

Rep. Randall moved, seconded by Rep. French, that consideration of the purchase of a 150 KW generator for the Belknap County Home be laid upon the table.

In accordance with the rules of parliamentary procedure, the motion was non-debatable.

The question before the delegation was the motion as made by Rep. Randall.

A division was requested.

There being five votes cast in favor of the motion, and eight votes in opposition, the motion failed.

Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Hildreth, that the delegation authorize the expenditure of $37,000.00 from the Belknap County Revenue Sharing account for the purchase of an emergency generator for the Belknap County Home.

Discussion.

Rep. Nighswander withdrew the motion.

Rep. Hildreth moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that the issue of the purchase of the generator for the Belknap County Home be laid upon the table at this time.

In accordance with the rules of the parliamentary procedure, the motion was non-debatable.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

Rep. French moved, seconded by Rep. Beard, that the delegation authorize the expenditure of $2,190.00 from the Belknap County Revenue Sharing account for the purchase of two bath lifts for the Belknap County Home.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

Rep. Marsh moved that a new building committee be appointed to study the need of additional capital expenditures for the Belknap County Home, and further, that a sum of up to $10,000.00 be appropriated from the Belknap County Revenue Sharing Account for said study.

The motion was seconded by Rep. French.

Discussion.

Rep. French moved the previous question.

ADOPTED: debate was limited.

The question before the delegation being the motion as offered by Rep. Marsh was

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

Rep. French moved that the courthouse committee be instructed to look into the need of a new reader printer unit for the office of the Register of Deeds and report back to the delegation for appropriate action.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Hanson.

Discussion.

Rep. Dionne moved that the issue be laid upon the table.

In accordance with the rules of parliamentary procedure, the motion as offered by Rep. Dionne took precedence and was non-debatable.

The question before the delegation being the motion as offered by Rep. Dionne was

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

Discussion.

Rep. French moved, seconded by Rep. Dionne, that the Courthouse committee be instructed to look into the need of a new reader printer unit for the office of the Register of Deeds and report to the delegation for appropriate action.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

Rep. French moved that the delegation authorize the expenditure of up to $10,000.00 from the Belknap County Revenue Sharing account for building a retaining wall for the property line on the northern side of the Courthouse.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Randall.

Discussion.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

Rep. Marsh moved that all remaining funds in the Belknap County Revenue Sharing account be earmarked for an addition to the Belknap County Home, and that the cost of said addition above and beyond the monies available in said account shall be raised by taxation at the time of construction.

The motion was seconded by Rep. French.

Discussion.

A Roll Call vote was requested.

AYES: (1) Representative Marsh.

NAYS: (12) Representatives Beard, Bowler, Dionne, French, Hanson, Hildreth, Mansfield, Morin, Nighswander, Randall, Sabbow, and Sanders.

ABSTENTIONS: (1) Representative Murray in the Chair.

There being one vote cast in favor and twelve opposed, the motion failed.

Rep. Randall moved, seconded by Rep. French, that consideration of the request made by the Belknap Mill Society for $15,000.00 from the Belknap County Revenue Sharing account be indefinitely postponed.

Discussion.

Rep. Dionne moved, seconded by Rep. Sanders, that consideration of the request made by the Belknap Mill Society be laid upon the table.

In accordance with the rules of parliamentary procedure, the motion as offered by Rep. Dionne took precedence and was non-debatable.

A Roll Call was requested.

AYES: (10) Representatives Bowler, Dionne, French, Hanson, Hildreth, Mansfield, Marsh, Nighswander, Randall, and Sanders.

NAYS: (3) Representatives Beard, Morin, and Sabbow.

ABSTENTIONS: (1) Representative Murray in the Chair.

There being ten votes cast in favor and three opposed, the motion carried.

Rep. French moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, that the delegation authorize the expenditure of $6,000.00 from the Belknap County Revenue Sharing account for the purchase of cabinets for the Sheriff's Dispatch Center.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

Rep. Marsh moved, seconded by Rep. Randall, that consideration of the request of the Lakes Region-Twin Rivers Human Services Coordinating Council for $3,500.00 from the Belknap County Revenue Sharing account to be used as a match for Federal Title XX funds be indefinitely postponed.

Discussion.

Rep. Beard moved the previous question.

ADOPTED: debate was limited.

The question before the delegation was on the motion as offered by Rep. Marsh.

A Roll Call was requested.

AYES: (5) Representatives French, Hanson, Marsh, Randall, and Sabbow.

NAYS: (8) Representatives Beard, Bowler, Dionne, Hildreth, Mansfield, Morin, Nighswander, and Sanders.

ABSTENTIONS: (1) Representative Murray in the Chair.

There being five votes cast in favor and eight opposed the motion failed.

Rep. Sanders moved that the delegation authorize the expenditure of $3,500.00 from the Belknap County Revenue Sharing account for the request made by the Lakes Region-Twin Rivers Human Services Coordinating Council to be used as a match for Federal Title XX funds.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Beard.

Discussion.

A Roll Call was requested.

AYES: (7) Representatives Beard, Bowler, Dionne, Hildreth, Mansfield, Nighswander, and Sanders.

NAYS: (6) Representatives French, Hanson, Marsh, Morin, Randall, and Sabbow.

There being seven in favor and six opposed, the chair cast its ballot in opposition to the motion. The motion failed in a seven to seven tie.

Rep. French moved, seconded by Rep. Beard, that the delegation authorize the commissioners to accept EDA funds from the U.S. Depart-

ment of Commerce for a 12 bed addition to the County Jail and House of Correction, an emergency generator housing unit, and a vehicle housing shed and workshop area.

Discussion.

Rep. Beard moved the previous question.

ADOPTED: debate was limited.

The question before the delegation was on the motion as offered by Rep. French.

ADOPTED: unanimously by voice vote.

Rep. Hildreth moved that Anti-recession funds in the amount of $10,830.00 be appropriated to the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch Center.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Randall.

Discussion.

The question before the delegation was on the motion as offered by Rep. Hildreth.

A Roll Call was requested.

AYES: (10) Representatives Bowler, Dionne, French, Hanson, Hildreth, Mansfield, Marsh, Randall, Sabbow, and Sanders.

NAYS: (3) Representatives Beard, Morin, and Nighswander.

ABSTENTIONS: (1) Representative Murray in the Chair.

There being ten votes in favor and three in opposition, the motion carried.

Rep. Randall moved, seconded by Rep. Bowler, that the delegation hereby inform the Commissioners that as of January 1, 1978 the county of Belknap will no longer serve as the collection agency for the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch system.

Discussion.

A Roll Call was requested.

The question before the delegation was on the motion as offered by Rep. Randall.

AYES: (11) Representatives Beard, Bowler, Dionne, French, Hanson, Mansfield, Marsh, Morin, Nighswander, Randall, and Sanders.

NAYS: (2) Representatives Hildreth and Sabbow.

ABSTENTIONS: (1) Representative Murray in the Chair.

There being eleven votes in favor and two opposed, the motion carried.

Rep. Sabbow informed the delegation that a member of the Gunstock area Commission would not seek re-appointment and that the delegation should meet in October to interview candidates for the position.

The Chair set the meeting for Monday, October 17, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. and instructed the Clerk to place proper notice in the news media so that résumés of the candidates could be sent to the delegation prior to the October meeting.

There being no further business to come before the delegation at this time, on motion by Rep. Marsh, seconded by Rep. Dionne, it was VOTED: That the delegation adjourn to meet again on Monday, October 17, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. at the Belknap County Courthouse.

Accordingly, the delegation adjourned at 1:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Belknap County Convention
Belknap County Courthouse — Laconia, N.H. — 7:30 P.M.

October 17, 1977

The meeting of the Belknap County Legislative Delegation was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman in order to interview candidates for a position on the Gunstock Area Commission. Notice of the meeting had been given pursuant to RSA 24:9-d to the members of the delegation and to the *Laconia Evening Citizen,* a newspaper of general circulation in the county. Candidates had been given the opportunity to submit a letter of application to the delegation in advance.

Present were: Representatives Bowler, Dionne, French, Hanson, Hildreth, Morin, Murray, Nighswander, Randall, Roberts, and Sanders.

Rep. Beard was excused because of illness.

The Chair outlined the ground rules for the interviews to the delegation and the candidates.

Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Nighswander, that the delegation go into executive session and that the public be excluded from the interviews.

ADOPTED: By voice vote.

Representatives Hanson and Hildreth desired to be recorded in opposition.

Thirteen candidates were interviewed by the delegation for a position on the Gunstock Area Commission. They were: Mr. Charles H. Bradley III, Mr. Russell M. Brown, Mr. Jan Edwards, Mr. John E. Grant, Mr. Robert S. Hawkins, Mr. Edward J. Jerome, Mr. Walter C. Johnson, Mr. Richard Ladieu, Mr. Richard Lambert, Mrs. Eileen M. Rosand, Mr. E.P. Roucher, Mr. Edwin E. Sanborn, and Mr. Richard L. Trombly.

The delegation discussed the merits of each candidate in turn.

Rep. Hanson moved, seconded by Rep. Hildreth, that the new commissioner be selected by ballot, and that should one candidate fail to receive

a majority, a second ballot be cast to elect among the top four candidates, and further, successive ballots be cast until one candidate is elected by a majority.

ADOPTED.

Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Dionne, that on the first ballot each delegation member be afforded three votes to be cast without ranking for their three top choices, and further, that on all successive ballots members of the delegation be afforded only one vote.

ADOPTED.

Accordingly, a secret ballot was cast with the following results:

Edward J. Jerome	8
Russell M. Brown	6
Walter C. Johnson	6
Richard L. Trombly	6
Richard Ladieu	3
Robert S. Hawkins	2
Jan Edwards	1

The other candidates received no votes.

A Runoff ballot was taken secretly with the following results:

Edward J. Jerome	5
Richard Trombly	3
Russell M. Brown	2
Walter C. Johnson	1

A further runoff ballot was taken with the following results:

Edward J. Jerome	7
Richard Trombly	4

Accordingly, Mr. Jerome was declared elected.

Rep. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Sanders, that the vote be declared to be unanimous.

ADOPTED: Unanimously.

The Chair instructed the clerk to notify the candidates by mail of the results of the delegation meeting.

There being no further business to come before the delegation at this time, on motion by Rep. French, seconded by Rep. Dionnne, it was VOTED: That the delegation adjourn subject to the call of the chair.

Accordingly, the delegation adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hanson
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY

Balance Sheet of General Fund
As At December 31, 1977 and 1976

ASSETS

	1977	1976
Cash in bank	$ 526,099.90	$ 141,696.91
Taxes due from towns & city (note 1)	577,737.88	none
Accounts receivable – General	34,919.64	8,541.42
Accounts receivable from Revenue Sharing	5.99	none
Accounts receivable from Anti-Recession Fund	500.00	none
Total Assets	$1,139,263.41	$ 150,238.33

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCES

	1977	1976
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable – B.C. Jail	$ none	$ 8,334.63
Accounts payable – General	20,533.36	9,265.46
Accounts payable – Anti-Recession Fund	2,879.00	42.00
Accrued and Withheld Payroll Taxes	6,998.35	3,921.26
Accrued and Withheld Retirement	2,695.01	1,928.76
Other Withholdings	(17.69)	224.29
Tax Anticipation Notes Payable (note 2)	1,000,000.00	none
Total Liabilities	$1,033,088.03	$ 23,716.40
Fund Balance:		
Reserved for encumbrances	$ 2,068.56	$ 4,000.00
Reserved, Unappropriated Fund Balances (note 3)	104,106.82	122,521.93
Total Fund Balance	$ 106,175.38	$ 126,521.93
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balances	$1,139,263.41	$ 150,238.33

BELKNAP COUNTY

Analysis of Changes in Fund Balance of the General Fund For the Years Ended December 31, 1977 and 1976

	1977	1976
Fund Balance, January 1	$ 122,521.93	$ 229,007.10
Deduct:		
Funds used to reduce tax assessment	136,342.88	237,832.93
Deficiency of realized revenue under budgeted revenue (schedule B-1)		10,906.88
Add:		
Excess of realized revenue over budgeted revenue (schedule B-1)	51,048.22	
Excess of budgeted appropriations over incurred expenditures (schedule B-2)	66,879.55	142,254.64
Fund Balance December 31	$ 104,106.82	$ 122,521.93

BELKNAP COUNTY

Statement of Budgeted Revenue and Realized Revenue
For the Years Ended December 31, 1977 and 1976

Sources of Revenue	Budgeted	Realized	Excess (Deficiency)	Actual Prior Year
Transfer – Capital Account				11,019.20
Taxes from Towns & City	$1,574,088.96	$1,574,088.96	$	$1,219,702.49
Office rent	4,320.00	4,460.00	140.00	865.76
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	255.68	(1,744.32)	966.04
Fees, Clerk of Court	46,324.37	54,370.41	8,046.04	38,576.69
Fees, Register of Deeds	66,000.00	109,487.70	43,487.70	71,934.40
Fees, Sheriff	15,000.00	17,787.20	2,787.20	15,435.72
Fees, Fire Dispatch	33,400.00	32,929.75	(470.25)	39,463.48
Sheriff's Patrol Gilmanton	22,700.00	22,700.00		22,591.00
Income Temporary Investments & Bond Premium	20,000.00	9,671.75	(10,328.25)	11,190.69
Income-Old Age Assistance		1,278.27	1,278.27	47.00
Income-Direct Relief		719.42	719.42	455.56
Income-Insurance refund		32.00	32.00	none
Grants	2,658.00	10,001.00	7,343.00	30,691.73
Cruiser Trade-In	1,200.00	1,564.00	364.00	1,233.85
Non-Payroll Items	6,000.00		(6,000.00)	none
Breathalyzer Income	600.00	640.00	40.00	none
Gasoline Sales		3,134.10	3,134.10	none
Gasoline Tax Rebate		2,219.31	2,219.31	none
Totals	$1,794,291.33	$1,845,339.55		$1,464,173.61
Net Excess of Realized Revenue over Budgeted Revenue			$ 51,048.22	

BELKNAP COUNTY

Statement of Appropriations and Incurred Expenditures
For the Year Ended December 31, 1977 and 1976

Appropriation Items	Budgeted	Actual	Excess (Deficiency)	Actual Prior Year
New Equipment – Administration				11,019.20
Commissioners Office	$ 37,946.75	$ 41,013.67	$(3,066.92)	$ 35,277.53
County Attorney Office	34,770.85	31,647.40	3,123.45	26,998.01
Treasurer	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
Auditors	2,931.00	5,930.77	(2,999.77)	4,000.00
Register of Deeds	71,099.66	67,678.34	3,421.32	57,931.69
Register of Probate	4,506.00	4,251.97	254.03	3,432.48
Medical Referees	4,500.00	3,791.46	708.54	2,258.50
Sheriff's Department	252,086.24	263,173.37	(11,087.13)	259,310.58
Courthouse Maintenance	70,939.19	72,394.06	(1,454.87)	56,706.37
Superior Court	227,527.21	249,214.25	(21,687.04)	194,959.81
General Welfare	243,730.28	215,506.27	28,224.01	193,741.69
County Nursing Home – Net – (Note 1)	255,043.66	216,480.00	38,563.66	51,222.73
Jail & House of Correction Net – (Note 2)	240,707.37	213,520.00	27,187.37	211,583.00
Extension Service	53,071.00	53,070.96	.04	50,281.00
Soil Conservation Service	1,800.00	1,800.00		1,650.00

Airport Authority	15,000.00	15,000.00		15,000.00
Interest – Loans in Anticipation of taxes	25,000.00	31,456.79	(6,456.79)	19,624.38
Interest – Notes (Addition to Jail)	6,500.00	6,500.00		7,450.00
Interest – Bond Issue (New Wing County Home)	3,200.00	3,200.00		3,680.00
Interest – Bond Issue (New Wing Courthouse)	66,025.00	66,025.00		69,500.00
Principal – Notes	25,000.00	25,000.00		25,000.00
Principal – Bond Issue	65,000.00	65,000.00		65,000.00
Delegation Expense	6,250.00	3,251.46	2,998.54	4,113.57
Lakes Region Fire Dispatch	98,000.00	98,000.00		93,995.00
Lakes Region Mental Health	38,000.00	38,000.00		35,400.00
Lakes Region Community Health Agency				18,630.20
Laconia Adult Tutorial Prog.	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Meals on Wheels Program	12,000.00	12,000.00		
County Share-Social Sec. and Blue Cross	40,000.00	39,169.20	830.80	35,857.93
County Share-Retirement Sys.	19,500.00	19,371.69	128.31	15,564.69
Contingency Fund	6,000.00	808.00	5,192.00	
Totals	$1,930,634.21	$1,863,754.66		$1,570,688.36

Net Excess of Budgeted Appropriations over Incurred expenditures:	$ 66,879.55

Note 1: The net amount of $225,043.66 represents the anticipated deficit:

Gross Appropriation for expense	$ 977,975.66
Less – Budgeted Revenue	722,932.00
NET – to be financed from general fund	$ 255,043.66

Note 2: The net amount of $240,707.37 represents the anticipated deficit:

Gross Appropriation for expense	$ 258,158.37
Less – Budgeted Revenue	17,451.00
NET – to be financed from general fund	$ 240,707.37

BELKNAP COUNTY

Balance Sheet of Capital Reserve Fund (Gunstock Area) As At December 31, 1977 and 1976

ASSETS

	1977	1976
Cash in Bank	$ 18,960.18	$ 8,425.90

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance:		
Encumbered	$ none	$ none
Unencumbered	18,960.18	8,425.90
Total	$18,960.18	$ 8,425.90

Schedule C-1

Analysis Of Changes In Capital Reserve Fund Balance For the Years Ended December 31, 1977 and 1976

Balance, January 1	$ 8,425.90	$ 14,036.62
Add:		
Receipt from Gunstock Recreational Area (10% of net income)	9,636.38	4,706.88
Interest on Investment of Funds	897.90	701.60
	$ 18,960.18	$ 19,445.10
Deduct:		
Transfer to General Fund for Purchase of Xerox Copy Machine	none	11,019.20
Balance December 31	$ 18,960.18	$ 8,425.90

Assistant Sheriff Philip P. Daigneault examines 4 tons of high grade marijuana found in a home at Gilmanton February, 1977. Each box contained 44 kilos and there were 90 boxes. The hugh cache had an estimated street value of $6 million. Along with the marijuana, a dead body was found (it was ruled a homicide).

BELKNAP COUNTY

Balance Sheet of Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund As At December 31, 1977 and 1976

ASSETS

	1977	1976
Cash in bank	$256,546.95	$172,443.63
Accounts receivable from Anti-Recession	315.55	none
Total Assets	$256,862.50	$172,443.63

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable to general fund	$ 5.99	$ none
Fund Balances:		
Appropriated (schedule D-2)	152,422.34	24,151.48
Unappropriated (schedule D-2)	104,434.17	148,292.15
Total Liabilities & Fund balances	$256,862.50	$172,443.63

Schedule D-1

Analysis of Changes in Federal Revenue Sharing Trust and Balance For the Year Ended December 31, 1977 and 1976

Balance, January 1	$172,443.63	$254,210.46
Add:		
Revenue Sharing Funds received	141,436.00	128,273.00
Interest Earned on Investment funds	11,093.20	10,808.69
	$324,972.83	$393,292.15
Deduct:		
Expended for Court House Capital Outlay (Schedule D-3)	68,110.33	220,848.52
Balance December 31	$256,862.50	$172,443.63

BELKNAP COUNTY
Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Funds
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Appropriations
From Program Inception To December 31, 1977

Intitlement Periods	End of 24 Months Date	Revenue Allocated to Period	Interest Earned in Period
1st Intitlement Period			
1-1-72 to 6-30-72	12-31-74	$ 42,978.00	$ none
2nd Intitlement Period			
7-1-72 to 12-31-72	12-31-74	41,242.00	none
3rd Intitlement Period			
1-1-73 to 6-30-73	6-30-75	50,562.00	2,118.94
4th Intitlement Period			
7-1-73 to 6-30-74	6-30-76	100,406.00	11,009.09
5th Intitlement Period			
7-1-74 to 6-30-75	6-30-77	133,232.00	9,694.87
6th Intitlement Period			
7-1-75 to 6-30-76	6-30-78	91,983.00	13,558.87
7th Intitlement Period			
7-1-76 to 6-30-77	6-30-79	137,939.00	8,690.65
8th Intitlement Period			
7-1-77 to 12-31-77	12-31-79	70,448.00	6,228.10
		$668,790.00	$ 51,300.52

Expended:

Calendar Year 1973
Calendar Year 1974
Calendar Year 1975
Calendar Year 1976
Calendar Year 1977

Total – Schedule D

Appropriation by Delegation for:

Courthouse Improvement Project 1-28-77
County Home & Sheriff Capital Outlay 9-19-77
Generator @ County Home & Save the Mill 12-30-77
Courthouse Improvement Project – Prior changes

Less: Expenditures

Total Revenue & Interest	Allocated Expenditures	Unexpended 12/31/77	Appropriation Changes	Unappropriated Amounts 12/31/77
$ 42,978.00	$ 42,978.00	$ none	$	$ none
41,242.00	41,242.00	none		none
52,680.94	52,680.94	none		none
111,415.09	111,415.09	none		none
142,926.87	142,926.87	none		none
105,541.87	71,985.12	33,562.74	33,562.74	none
146,629.65	none	146,623.66	118,865.59	27,758.07
76,676.10	none	76,676.10		76,676.10
$720,090.52	$463,228.02	$256,862.50	$152,428.33	$104,434.17

$ 31,254.40
137,239.80
5,774.97
220,848.52
68,110.33
$463,228.02

$ 57,442.18
71,190.00
67,755.00
24,151.48
$220,538.66
68,110.33
$152,428.33

BELKNAP COUNTY

Statement of Long Term Indebtedness
As At December 31, 1977 and 1976

	1977	1976
Debt balance, January 1; payment thereon to be provided from future general fund taxation revenue:	$1,200,000.00	$1,290,000.00
1. Bond issue dated 11/1/64, original amount $280,000.00, interest rate 3.20%, proceeds used for New Wing County Home:		
Principal balance due Jan. 1	$ 100,000.00	$ 115,000.00
Principal paid	15,000.00	15,000.00
Principal Balance Due Dec. 31	$ 85,000.00	$ 100,000.00
2. Bond issue, dated 8/1/75, original amount $1,000,000.00, interest rate 6.95%, proceeds for Court House improvement project.		
Principal balance due Jan. 1	$ 950,000.00	$1,000,000.00
Principal paid	50,000.00	50,000.00
Principal Balance Due Dec. 31	$ 900,000.00	$ 950,000.00
3. Long term notes, dated 9/5/72, original amount $234,950.00, interest rates, 3.80%, 4.25%, 4.50% proceeds used for addition to Jail.		
Principal balance due Jan 1	$ 150,000.00	$ 175,000.00
Principal paid	25,000.00	25,000.00
Principal Balance Due Dec. 31	$ 125,000.00	$ 150,000.00
Total Debt Balance, December 31	$1,110,000.00	$1,200,000.00

BELKNAP COUNTY

Balance Sheet of Federal Anti-Recession Trust Fund As At December 31, 1977 and 1976

ASSETS

	1977	1976
Cash in bank	$ 3,473.02	$ 3,035.69
Accounts receivable general fund	2,879.00	42.00
Total	$ 6,352.02	$ 3,077.69

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable general fund	$ 500.00	$ none
Accounts payable revenue sharing	315.55	none
Total liabilities	$ 815.55	$ none
Fund Balance:		
Encumbered (schedule E-2)	$ 365.92	$ none
Unencumbered (schedule E-2)	5,986.10	3,077.69
Total	$ 6,352.02	$ 3,077.69

Schedule E-1

Analysis of Changes in Federal Anti-Recession Trust Balance Fund For the Years Ended December 31, 1977 and 1976

Balance, January 1	$ 3,077.69	$ none
Add:		
Anti-Recession funds received	16,471.00	3,062.00
Interest on investment funds	287.41	15.69
Deduct:		
Expenditures		
(a) Courthouse, capital outlay	2,654.08	none
(b) Fire Dispatch subsidy	10,830.00	none
Balance, December 31	$ 6,352.02	$ 3,077.69

BELKNAP COUNTY

Federal Anti-Recession Trust Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Appropriations
From Program Inception to December 31, 1977

Date of Receipt	End of 6 Months Date	Revenue Received	Interest Earned in Period
1st Intitlement Period 10-1-76 to 12-31-76	6-30-76	$ 3,062.00	$ 15.69
2nd Intitlement Period 1-1-77 to 3-31-77		none	none
3rd Intitlement Period 4-1-77 to 6-30-77	12-31-77	2,762.00	87.24
4th Intitlement Period 7-1-77 to 9-30-77	3-31-78	10,830.00	149.59
5th Intitlement Period 10-1-77 to 12-31-77	6-30-78	2,879.00	50.58
		$19,533.00	$ 303.10

Expended:

Calendar Year – 1977

(a) Miscellaneous Building Expenses

(b) Lakes Region Fire Dispatch

Appropriation Changes

Miscellaneous Building Expenses 4-28-77

For Fire Dispatch 9-9-77

Less Expenditures

Total Revenue & Interest	Allocation Expenditures	Unexpended 12-31-77	Appropriation Changes	Unappropriated Amounts 12-31-77
$ 3,077.69	$ 3,077.69	$ none	$ none	$ none
none	none	none	none	none
2,849.24	2,849.24	none	none	none
10,979.59	7,557.15	3,422.44	365.92	3,056.52
2,929.58	none	2,929.58		2,929.58
$19,836.10	$13,484.08	$ 6,352.02	$ 365.92	$5,986.10

$ 2,654.08
10,830.00

$13,484.08

$ 3,020.00
10,830.00

$13,850.00
13,484.08

$ 365.92

BELKNAP COUNTY

Footnotes to the Financial Statements December 31, 1977

Note 1 **Taxes Due From Towns & Cities**

Due to the lateness of billings for taxes, several towns' tax payments to the County were received in January and February of 1978.

Note 2 **Tax Anticipation Notes Indebtedness**

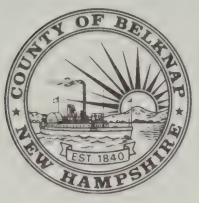
Due to the factors contained in Note 1, the County of Belknap renewed $1,000,000.00 in tax anticipation notes, payable to the Laconia Peoples National Bank and Trust Company on January 15, 1978.

Note 3 **Unappropriated General Fund Balances**

Year end balances, to the extent provided in subsequent General Fund Budgets, is used as estimated revenue for the purpose of reducing the tax assessment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald Mackissock
FINANCIAL COORDINATOR



BELKNAP COUNTY SEAL

The seal of Belknap County was commissioned in the latter part of 1976, the year of our nation's bicentennial, and adopted in February of 1977. Designed and executed by Mr. Norman M. Dexter of Nashua, who donated his services to Belknap County, the seal includes several symbols important to the county and its history.

Depicted on the waters of Lake Winnipesaukee, the largest body of fresh water in the northeast (which touches the shores of just about every town and city in the county), is the old paddle wheeler Mount Washington. The Mount graced the Big Lake until 1939, when it was destroyed by fire. Yet, to this day it continues to serve as a symbol of the grace, dignity, and unique New England character for which the people and the area are known throughout the country. It could be said that the Mount stands for the commerce the Lake has provided for our people, going back to the fishing days of the Indians; for the many recreation and leisure time activities the county has offered its many visitors from throughout the world; and for the great creativity with which the people of Belknap County have used these natural resources to their ultimate advantage and prosperity.

The rising sun – a symbol of hope and renewal as well as the blessings of a patient, graceful Providence – is shown bursting forth over Mount Belknap, which lies just east of center in the county. The Mountain is named for Dr. Jeremy Belknap, noted historian, clergyman, and naturalist, after whom the county was named in 1840. Dr. Belknap wrote the first history of New Hampshire, pastored the First Congregational Church at Dover (1766-1786), and founded the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1794.

Originally part of Strafford County, the County of Belknap was formed by Legislative act in December 1840.

BELKNAP COUNTY NURSING HOME

Administrator's Report

To the Honorable Commissioners of Belknap County:

As we review the accomplishments of the year 1977, it is important to express our appreciation to those who made it all possible.

To the clergy, both Catholic and Protestant, who faithfully attended our residents with spiritual services and personal visits.

To the volunteers, clubs and social groups who remember our residents with gifts at Christmas, and those who give of their time to entertain them.

To the Lions, Kiwanis, and Rotary Clubs for their generosity in providing geriatric chairs for those who have that need.

A special "thank you" to Mr. Milo Pike who has provided equipment for a Physical Therapy room which will be in operation before March 1, 1978.

To our County Commissioners, Executive Board members, and County Delegation, who appropriated the monies to up-grade the Nursing Home with new beds, mattresses, bedside cabinets, new curtains and shades, hot food cart, and new chairs on wheels so that most residents can not eat away from their rooms.

We were able to paint every room with the help of employees from the Ceta program.

Finally, to all employees of the Nursing Home who have joined in cooperating with these changes which have created a happier atmosphere for all our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor L. Hamel
ADMINISTRATOR

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME
STATEMENT OF BUDGET OPERATIONS
Accrual Basis
December 31, 1977

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	Y-T-D BUDGET
Total Patient Revenue	$ 722,490.54	$ 713,382.00
Total Other Revenue	34,169.44	9,550.00
Total Jail Revenue	25,192.02	5,000.00
TOTAL ALL REVENUE	$ 781,852.00	$ 727,932.00
Total Administration Cost	$ 152,036.34	$ 155,224.55
Total Dietary Cost	203,656.01	195,864.10
Total Property and Related Expense	102,157.41	105,450.59
Total Nursing Care Cost	372,153.35	361,356.03
Total Laundry & Linen	54,464.40	56,171.75
Total Housekeeping Expense	54,104.50	53,608.90
Total Physicians & Pharmacy	19,886.11	25,600.00
Total Activities	18,048.57	17,799.74
Total Special Items	5,059.59	6,900.00
Total Jail & HOC	270,959.31	258,158.37
TOTAL ALL COST	$1,252,525.59	$1,236,134.03
LOSS COMBINED	$ 470,673.59	$ 508,202.03
COUNTY BUDGET FUNDS		
County Home & Hospital	$ 219,300.00	$ 255,043.66
Jail & House of Correction	210,700.00	253,158.37
TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET FUNDS	$ 430,000.00	$ 508,202.03
NET LOSS	($ 40,673.59)	$ -0-

COUNTY OF BELKNAP
COUNTY HOME AND HOSPITAL
BALANCE SHEET
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
ACCRUAL SYSTEM
DECEMBER 31, 1977

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
Petty Cash	$ 300.00
Cash in Bank	2,822.61
Patient Receivables	53,970.56
Dietary Inventory	8,571.32
General Stores Inventory	3,488.45
Pharmacy Inventory	9,055.86
Total Current Assets	$ 78,208.80
FIXED ASSETS	
Building & Building Improvements	$ 670,823.93
Hospital Equipment	532,230.76
Kitchen Equipment	49,720.93
Laundry Equipment	26,931.69
Maintenance Equipment	19,858.59
Jail & HOC Equipment	5,361.17
Vehicles	12,776.14
Total Fixed Assets	$ 650,108.90
Total All Assets	$ 728,317.70

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable – Home	$ 31,698.65
Accounts Payable – Jail	2,083.03
Accrued Payroll	13,417.12
Withheld FICA Taxes	13,757.54
Accrued FICA Taxes	12,625.29
Withheld F.I.T.	1,796.50
Other Withheld Items	2,679.47
Patient Allowance	(25.00)
Total Current Liabilities	$ 78,032.60

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Plant Capital	$ 650,108.90
Operating Capital	40,849.79
Net Income or (Loss)	(40,673.59)
Total Capital	$ 650,285.10
Total Liability and Capital	$ 728,317.70

DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY WELFARE

Director's Report

To the Honorable Commissioners of Belknap County:

With the employment scene in Belknap County the brightest it has been in several years the trend in direct welfare assistance has decreased greatly. Much credit for this should be given to the Belknap Employment and Training Administration.

The cost of Old Age Assistance has increased due to the county now being liable for nursing home care after one years assistance by the city and towns.

The Belknap County Household Goods Depot has helped approximately seventy-five families with needed household items during the past year.

Emergency food has been distributed to those in need through the Community Pantry housed at the Court House. Much appreciation is expressed to local churches, agencies, and the County Commissioners with the help given to this much needed service.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret P. Ball
WELFARE DIRECTOR

BELKNAP COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND JAIL

To the Honorable Commissioners of Belknap County:

The following report is submitted for the Belknap County House of Correction and Jail.

The House of Correction and Jail's average daily prison population increased thirty-two percent (32%) over the previous year. The number of persons booked into the facility over the past year is as follows:

Adult Males	1,385	Male Juveniles	79
Adult Females	60	Female Juveniles	23
	1,445		102

Belknap County has received Economic Development funds amounting to two hundred fourteen thousand dollars, ($214,000.00). These funds were allocated to expand the County Jail in order to comply with Federal and State laws in the detention of female inmates.

The thirty-two percent (32%) increase in our daily population compounds the problems of a facility that is overcrowded. The facility is operating in a space that is less than two thirds (2/3) of the square foot area required to meet national standards. The square foot area of jail cells is only one third (1/3) of that required by national standards. There is no inside recreation for prisoners during the winter months, or is there area to provide any. The House of Correction dining area is adequate for the present population, however, there are no dining facilities available for jail prisoners. Jail prisoners are required to eat all meals in their cell.

In 1977 twenty-seven inmates became involved in our Education Program which has two primary purposes: preparing inmates for the General Equivalency Degree Test, (high school diploma) and helping inmates improve their basic literacy skills. Of the thirteen inmates who completed the General Equivalency Degree Course twelve earned their high school diploma certificates. 1977 marked the third year that we have had a regular weekly meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous for House of Correction inmates. In addition, our program allowing inmates to earn the privilege of attendance at a weekly meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in the

community resulted in twenty inmates attending a total of 262 meetings without incident. Our Work Release Program placed eight inmates in jobs within the community.

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Myatt
SUPERINTENDENT

Prisoners at Belknap County Jail and House of Correction

Prisoners in Jail January 1, 1978	9
Admitted during the year (1977)	1,407
	1,416
Prisoners in Jail December 31, 1977	9
Discharged during the year (1977)	1,408
	1,417
Prisoners in House of Correction, January 1, 1978	30
Admitted during year 1977	131
	161
Prisoners in House of Correction, Dec. 31, 1977	30
Discharged during the year 1977	119
	149

From January 1, 1977 – December 31, 1977

	Weeks	Days
Prisoners in Jail	648	4
Prisoners in HOC	1,385	1

BELKNAP COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Report of the Clerk of Court

To the Honorable Commissioners of Belknap County:

Compliments are still frequently being received for the superb facility made available by the combined efforts of the Commissioners and members of the Delegation.

Statistics for the Court are kept on a twelve month period of July 1 through June 30. For this last yearly period, the Court was able to dispose of more cases than were entered, thus achieving a reduction in the backlog of cases. During this period there was one less Civil action entered than in the previous twelve month period; however, there were 174 Criminal cases more entered in the last twelve month period than in the preceeding one.

The Courts are constantly attempting to improve the system of Justice and institute innovating procedures when such procedures appear practical and are justifiable.

Some such procedures are already being tried while other procedures are being studied.

Belknap County is one of two New Hampshire counties that has been selected by the State Judicial Planning Committee to institute a Pilot Program incorporating some suggested improvements into a workable program that would have a practical application on a statewide basis. Part of these programs will be devoted to obtaining a more efficient use of Juror's time as well as the time of parties, witnesses and Court officers.

In this report I have not included any financial information as this information is now readily available to you through the financial and budgeting conducted by your office.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Tilton
CLERK

BELKNAP COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff's Report

To the Honorable Commissioners of Belknap County:

The calendar year 1977 was, indeed, a year marked by growth in terms of utilization of the services afforded by personnel of the Belknap County Sheriff's Department.

We have experienced an increase in hours of 42% in the field of investigations, 67% in the administration of polygraph examinations and have completed testing of our photography lab and have fully qualified personnel available to meet the needs of the Law Enforcement agencies in Belknap County.

A considerable increase has been noted in requests of our department to augment local agencies in areas of patrol. We have seen an 11% increase in the number of patrol hours over the previous year.

As a result of the efforts of personnel in the above mentioned functions, we have experienced like increases in report preparation and court attendance. Communications and administrative personnel have also felt the brunt of increased utilization of services and have performed their support functions most efficiently.

In an effort to keep abreast of developments in the field, and to further train department personnel, an excess of 400 hours was expended in areas of in-service training. These programs were inclusive of arson, juvenile, breathalyzer and firearms training.

The Sheriff's Department is, indeed, a most resourceful agency ready to meet the needs of the law enforcement community and to serve the citizens of Belknap County. The impetus for success and the will to accomplish all tasks with the highest degree of professionalism is the result of the continuing support of the citizenry of Belknap County. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Alden
SHERIFF

Administrative

Category	1977	1976
Telephone Calls	56,851	50,029
Radio Transmissions	323,076	133,999
Complaints	1,667	1,571
Complaints – Contract Area	298	237
Civil Writs Processed	1,679	1,378

Patrol

Arrests & Summonses		
Allowing Unauthorized Person to Operate	0	3
Allowing to Operate Unregistered MV	1	0
Allowing to Operate Uninspected MV	1	0
Driving While Intoxicated	54	62
Inadequate Muffler	0	1
Failure to Display Plates	1	1
Failure to File Financial Responsibility	3	3
Failure to Keep Right	0	1
Improper Backing	0	1
Improper Passing of School Bus	1	0
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	1	1
Misuse of Plates	3	2
Operating after Suspension	4	14
Operating w/o Corrective Lenses	1	1
Operating w/o Eye Protection	5	0
Operating w/o License	20	14
Operating w/o Headlights	0	1
Operating w/o M/C License	2	6
Operating w/o Protective Headgear	3	6
Operating OHRV on Public Way	0	7
Operating Uninspected MV	45	18
Operating Unregistered MV	24	20
Parking on Highway	1	0
Passing on Right	2	2
Possession of two valid Licenses	0	1
Reckless Operation	6	6
Red Light Violation	6	2
Speeding	126	61
Spillage	1	0
Stop Sign Violation	7	12
Towing Unlighted Trailer	0	1

Towing Unregistered Trailer	0	1
Unsafe Tires	7	8
Yellow Line Violation	21	24
TOTALS	346	280
Contract Area	63	79

Traffic & Patrol Activity

MV Accidents Investigation	82	53
MV Warnings	306	255
Departmental Assists	467	711
DE Tags Issued	189	131
Individual Assists	5	65
MV Checkups	393	499
Prisoner Transports	217	196
Relays	104	53
House, Business & Camp Checks	22,615	16,297
Contract Area		
MV Accidents Investigated	28	35
MV Checkups	250	140
MV Warnings	57	71
DE Tags Issued	12	1
Business Checks	3,396	4,601
Camp Checks	6,038	7,538
House Checks	3,490	3,533

SHERIFF'S BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Crimes Investigated

Contract Area

Murder	1	0
Manslaughter	0	0
Rape	0	0
Aggrivated Assault	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Burglary	50	48
Auto Theft	0	0
Theft	33	24
Fraud	0	0

Drug Violations	22	12
Assault	10	6
All Other Crimes	40	27

Clearned by Arrests

Murder	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Aggrivated Assault	0	0
Burglary	10	33
Auto Theft	0	0
Theft	1	1
Fraud	0	0
Drug Violations	14	23
Assault	3	5
All Other Crimes	31	39
Contract Area	24	29

Services – Court Related

Apprehensions		
Capias	22	39
Bench Warrants	7	13
Indictments	(Secret) 11	78
Mittimus	7	16

Services – Aide Department Related

Hours of Patrol	6,165	5,280
Hours of Reports	999	746
Hours of Investigation	2,190	1,311
Hours of Court Attendance	331	314
Hours of Polygraph	320	108
Hours of Photography	305	0

Services – Contract Related

Hours of Patrol	4,467	3,658
Hours of Reports	428	436
Hours of Investigation	695	357
Hours of Court Attendance	70	72
Hours of Polygraph	60	20
Hours of Photography	101	0

Miscellaneous	1977	1976
Value of Property Stolen	$23,249.00	$ 9,627.00
Value of Property Recovered	12,497.00	8,789.00
Writ Fees Received	15,762.00	15,435.00
Breathalyzer Receipts	580.00	675.00
Contract Area		
Value of Property Stolen	9,154.00	12,424.00
Value of Property Recovered	7,089.00	4,704.00

Juvenile		
Detentions	33	49
Court Referrals	13	23
Counsel & Release to Parents	17	16
Referred to Other Agencies	3	10

Frequency of Offenses		
Burglary	8	17
Drug Related	2	8
Non-Status Offenders	9	12
Sundry Offenses	20	12

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

To the Honorable Commissioners of Belknap County:

I hereby submit my report as Belknap County Attorney for 1977.

Criminal Matters

A total of 173 indictments were returned by the three Grand Juries and one Special Grand Jury convened in 1977 for the commission of the following felonies:

Conspiracy	19
Conduct After Accident, Personal Injury	3
Transportation with Intent to Sell	1
Possession, 2nd	12
Forgery	20
Theft by Unauthorized Taking	7
Negligent Homicide	1
Manufacture of Controlled Drug	3
Issuing Bad Checks	13
Aggravated Assault	10
Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault	4
Burglary	48
Accomplice to Burglary	7
Theft of Services	2
Criminal Mischief	1
Arson	4
Attempted Robbery	1
Armed Robbery	1
Receiving Stolen Property	6
Criminal Restraint	1
Habitual Offender	1
Felonious Sexual Assault	2
Escape	1
Dispensing a Controlled Drug	1
Possession of Stolen Property	1
Theft of Firearm	1
Possession Over 1 Pound	2
	173

A total of 290 misdemeanor appeals from Municipal and District Courts were taken to the Superior Court.

A number of miscellaneous matters were handled in the course of the year, including committal or release proceedings involving persons with mental illness or suffering from retardation, extradition petitions brought before the Governor for consideration, petitions for support under the New Hampshire Uniform Civil Liability for Support Law brought before the Belknap County Superior Court, non-support complaints, petitions under the Uniform Act on Paternity, the initiation of all habitual offender petitions in the Superior Court brought by the office of the Attorney General, and all civil matters in which the County or the Belknap County Recreational Area Commission were parties.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER MAKRIS
Belknap County Attorney

REPORT OF THE GUNSTOCK RECREATION AREA

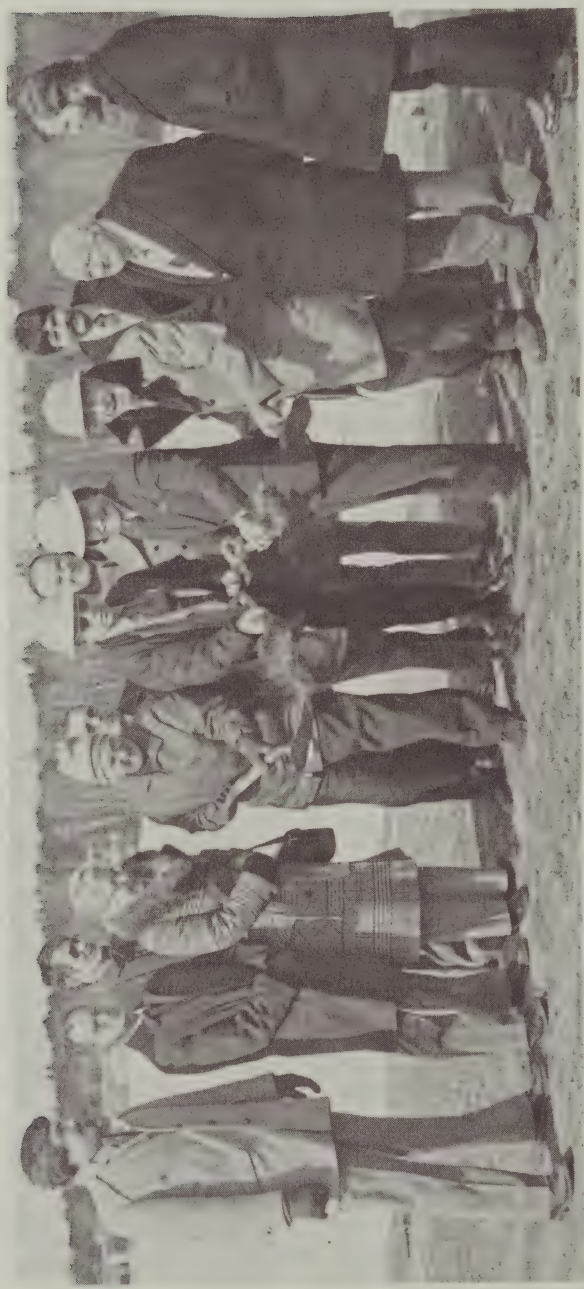
To the Honorable Commissioners of Belknap County:

Enclosed please find a check for $13,149.65 which is 10% of the profit Gunstock Area derived from its operation for the fiscal year 1977.

As you know, the Area had a good year and for the first time went over the million dollar mark. The Area will probably not see that mark again until there is another good snow year.

Very Truly yours,
GUNSTOCK AREA

ERNEST A. HEGI
Manager



Groundbreaking ceremonies took place in March for the new addition to the Jail and House of Correction, to be used for female and juvenile prisoners. Taking part were Rep. Gary Dionne, Rep. Wilson Mansfield, Contractor Carl Page, Rep. Esther Nighswander, Rep. Charles Beard, Chairman of the County Delegation's Institutions Committee, Tom Myatt, Jailer, Commissioner Bradbury Sprague, Architect, Richard Dudley, Dean Dexter, Chairman, County Commissioners, Bob Sederquist, County Commissioner, Bill Schoonmaker, architect, Rev. Charles Durgin, Protestant Chaplain, and Rev. Daniel Deveau, Catholic Chaplain. The project was funded by a grant from the Economic Development Administration and Revenue Sharing Funds.

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BELKNAP COUNTY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Commissioners of Belknap County:

Over 500 Belknap citizens obtained jobs or skilled training through the services offered by the Belknap County Employment and Training Administration. BCETA is federally funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act and made available to Belknap citizens by the county commissioners.

In its first year of operation beginning October 1, 1976 and ending September 30, 1977, BCETA had paid over $510,000. in wages alone to Belknap residents who participated in the various employment and training programs. Moreover, with new employment programs and increased funding from Congress, wages paid out to Belknap citizens is expected to exceed $1,500,000. for the grant period of October 1, 1977 through September 30, 1978. Over half of these funds are earmarked for the operation of Title VI public works projects. The work projects have a dual purpose.

1) To make jobs available to long term unemployed persons and

2) To provide towns, schools and non-profit organizations with the necessary manpower to embark on tangible projects that could not otherwise be initiated.

Some Title VI projects initiated and/or completed this past year are named below – this list represents only some of the projects.

City of Laconia:	Widening secondary roads Painting fences and playground equipment Cleaning and widening the banks of the Little Jewett Brook
Town of Gilford:	Repairing, cleaning and enlarging ditches and culverts Cataloging taxable properties and converting to a computerized system

Town of Meredith:	Painting and repairing town buildings Enlarging parks and beaches
Town of New Hampton:	Road side reclamation from brush overgrowth Roofing and painting highway storage facility
New Hampshire Humane Society:	Restoration of old shelter facility
Lakes Region Twin Rivers Coordinating Council:	Gathering data and assessing needs on human services in the area
Lakes Region Planning Commission:	Preparation of soil and topography maps for individual communities
Lakes Region General Hospital:	Interior painting of entire facility
Lakes Region Fire Dispatch Center:	Pinpointing location of residential structures to aid computerized emergency dispatch center
Interlakes Day Care Center:	Renovation and reconstruction to expand facility
Lakes Region Rehabilitation Workshop:	Designing and implementing rehabilitation services for disabled adults Includes sheltered employment
Hidden Valley Reservation Daniel Webster Council Boy Scouts of America:	Expanding usable acreage through road and trail development and general landscaping
Belknap County Home:	Interior remodeling of facility

Other than Title VI work projects, BCETA also offers:

a) On the job training for a particular skilled job in both private, profit-making businesses and non-profit organizations;

b) Public service employment in all levels of government and non-profit organizations;

c) Work experience for persons now entering or returning to the labor market;

d) Classroom training for developing or upgrading job skills;

e) Summer youth employment for persons between the ages of 14 and 21.

Additionally, new youth programs will be offered in the new grant year including part-time work for full-time students and full-time jobs for youth entering the labor market.

Emphasis on all BCETA programs are to serve the long term unemployed and/or economically disadvantaged with special preference given to veterans.

Allocation Summary*
October 1, 1976 – September 30, 1977

Grantee	No. of Persons	Disbursed Wages	% of Total $$
Towns & Cities	125	161,896	32%
Alton	2	662	
Barnstead	1	4,620	
Belmont	6	7,895	
Gilford	14	21,077	
Laconia	65	85,903	
Meredith	32	32,517	
New Hampton	3	3,606	
Sanbornton	2	5,616	
Belknap County	53	41,737	8%
State Government	36	47,496	9%
Federal Government	17	14,234	3%

School Districts	21	36,613	7%
Non-Profit Organizations	171	208,102	41%
Totals	423**	510,078	100%

*Cumulative total of gross wages paid from October 1, 1976 to September 30, 1977.

**Balance of positions funded under on-the-job training contracts with private employers

Disbursement Summary
October 1, 1976 – September 30, 1977

Title I	
Classroom Training, On-the-Job Training, Work Experience and Voc-education	$220,675
Title II	
Public service employment program	187,821
Title III	
Summer youth employment program	93,981
Title VI	
Public service employment program	291,852
	$794,329

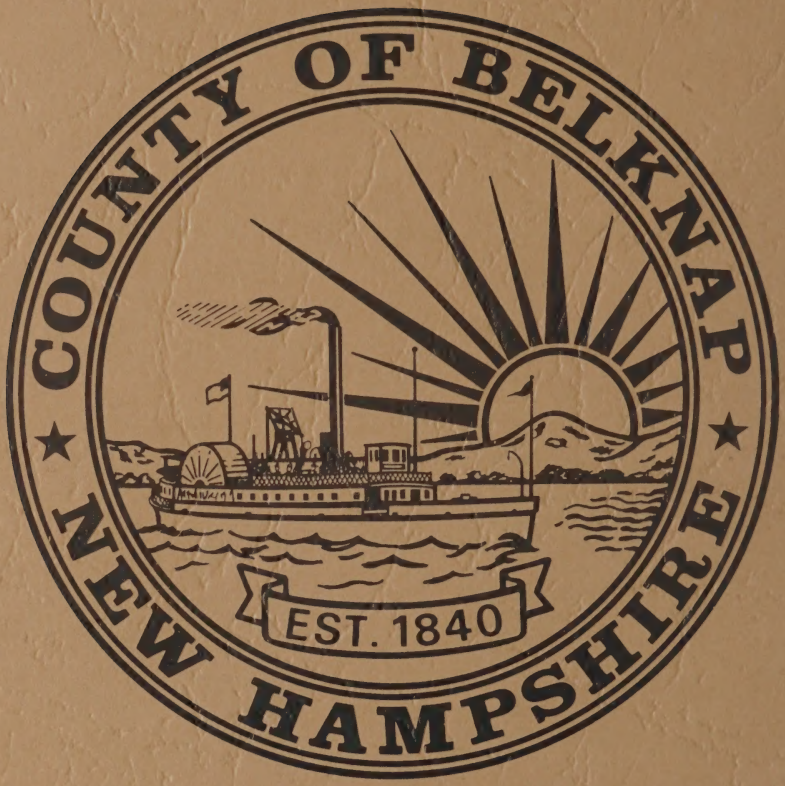
Funding Summary – Expected Revenues
October 1, 1977 – September 30, 1978

Title I	
Classroom Training, On-the-Job Training, Work Experience and Voc-education	$ 264,710
Title II	
Public service employment program and On-the-Job Training	210,573
Title III	
Youth Employment and Training and Summer youth employment programs	217,517
Title VI	
Public service employment program and work projects	1,110,882
	$1,803,682

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Trujillo
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Belknap County Commissioners Bradbury E. Sprague, Clerk, Meredith; Dean J. Dexter, Chairman, Laconia; and Robert D. Sederquist, Alton.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